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Inc. April 4, 1781



Georges Mills Reservoir, Prospect Hill Road

**For The Year Ending
December 31, 1997**



**Looking down on the new 250,000 gallon
Georges Mills Reservoir, Prospect Hill Road**



Rear view of Georges Mills Wells Pumping Station, off of Pleasant St.

**In October of 1997, the Georges Mills Water System source was
changed from gravity feed from Ledge Pond to a new pumped
well system.**

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DEDICATION

The Selectmen dedicate the 1997 Annual Town Report to all the Town employees and volunteers who have spent so many hours and so much effort to make Sunapee the great place it is to live. This cooperation and dedication to serving the residents of Sunapee was brought into sharp focus during the recent ice storm that started January 7, 1998. Preliminary figures show that there were over two man-years of time spent by volunteers during this incident. Highway and other employees spent many hours in dangerous conditions making sure emergency vehicles, utility crews, and others could get through and around the debris on the roads. We are truly thankful and amazed at the willingness and readiness to help everyone that needed it during the storm and after when trees were down over wires and the electricity was off for many residents for five days or more.

Although this storm highlighted the dedication, we want to convey our thanks to all the volunteers and employees who provide quiet service throughout the year. We are aware of how often only the few negative comments are heard while the positive are rarely passed on. Our apologies for not passing on every positive comment and thought. But we truly appreciate your service as committee members, emergency responders, highway maintenance workers, office workers and department heads.

We, the Board of Selectmen of Sunapee, applaud and salute all our employees and volunteers for the years of dedicated service provided each year. Thank you!

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Michael R. Feeney, resigned
Harry Gale, Jr., appointed

Term Expires 1998
Term Expires 1998

SELECTMEN

Frederick C. Gallup, Chairman
Jean W. Putonen, resigned (1/98)
William H. Chalmers

Term Expires 1998
Term Expires 1999
Term Expires 2000

TOWN MANAGER

John B. Wheeler

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Betty H. Ramspott

Term Expires 1999

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Eileen Stiles

TREASURER

Francis C. Gallup

Term Expires 1998

POLICE CHIEF

Alan J. Soucy

Term Expires 1999

ROAD AGENT

J. Anthony Bergeron

Term Expires 1998

SUPERINTENDENT WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

David R. Brennan

WELFARE DIRECTOR

Don Wrightington

PLANNING/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Michael Marquise

BALLOT CLERKS

Justine Cutting
Robert Haselton Jr.
Sally J. Putonen
John V. Chesson

Republican
Republican
Democrat
Democrat

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tina Naimie, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Charles Balyeat	Term Expires 1998
Donna Davis	Term Expires 1998
James Elliott	Term Expires 2000
Emma Smith	Term Expires 1999

CABLE CONTRACT STUDY COMMITTEE

Douglas Munro, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
William H. Chalmers	Term Expires 1999
Patricia Brown	Term Expires 1999

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Jeffrey S. Trow, Chairman	Term Expires 2000
Louis Charon	Term Expires 1999
Brenda Franzen	Term Expires 1998

COFFIN PARK COMMITTEE

Represented by Town Office Employees

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Van Webb, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Bruce Burdett	Term Expires 2000
Robert Hill	Term Expires 1998
Emmons Jenkins, Jr.	Term Expires 1999
Dorothy Price	Term Expires 1998
George Quackenbos	Term Expires 2000

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Howard G. Sargent

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS

Francis H. Nolin, Jr., Chief	Term Expires 2000
Duane Abbott	Term Expires 1999
Dana Ramspott	Term Expires 1998
Daniel R. Ruggles	Term Expires 2000

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Daniel R. Ruggles	Term Expires 1998
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FOREST FIRE DEPUTY WARDENS

Duane Abbott	Term Expires 1998
Francis H. Nolin, Jr.	Term Expires 1998
Dana Ramspott	Term Expires 1998
Howard Sargent	Term Expires 1998
Mark Scott	Term Expires 1998

HEALTH OFFICER

John W. Wiggins	Term Expires 1998
Michael Dashner, Deputy	Term Expires 2000

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

J. Anthony Bergeron	Road Agent
Frederick C. Gallup	Selectman
Stephen Gray	Highway Engineer
Francis H. Nolin, Jr.	Fire Chief
Alan J. Soucy	Police Chief

HISTORY FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

Robert Ward, Chairman	Term Expires 1998
Ronald Garceau	Term Expires 1998
Norwood Keeney, III	Term Expires 1998
Janet Ramspott	Term Expires 1998
Priscilla Sargent	Term Expires 1998
Eileen Stiles	Term Expires 1998

LIBRARIAN

Patricia D. Hand

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Margaret S. Burdett	Term Expires 2000
Nancy Clark	Term Expires 1998
Gerard Farland	Term Expires 1999
Barbara Hollander	Term Expires 1999
Gerald Karr	Term Expires 2000

NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT

John B. Wheeler	Delegate
Thomas J. Alexander	Alternate

PLANNING BOARD

Everett Pollard, Chairman	Term Expires 1998
Harry Brown	Term Expires 2000
Peggy Chalmers	Term Expires 1999
Katrina Hill	Term Expires 1998

Kevin Rickard	Term Expires 2000
Robert Ward	Term Expires 1999
George Ogden, Alternate	
Vicki Branch, Alternate	
Frederick C. Gallup, Ex-officio Selectmen	

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Debi McGrath, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Marian Deegan	Term Expires 2000
Jay Harvey	Term Expires 1998
Nicholas Memole	Term Expires 1999
Candy Saindon	Term Expires 1999
Judy Thackaberry	Term Expires 1997
Ann Webb	Term Expires 1997

RIVERWALK COMMITTEE

Norwood H. Keeney III, Chairman	Term Expires 2000
Guy Alexander	Term Expires 1999
J. Anthony Bergeron	Term Expires 1998
Shaun Carroll	Term Expires 1999
Janet Grevstad	Term Expires 1999
Jo Hill	Term Expires 1999
Jessica Leavitt	Term Expires 2000
Everett Pollard	Term Expires 2000
Bonnie Quackenbos	Term Expires 1999
John Babe Sargent	Term Expires 1998
Richard D. Webb	Term Expires 2000
Richard H. Webb	Term Expires 2000
John Wiggins	Term Expires 1998

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Holly Durfor	Term Expires 2002
Devon Smith	Term Expires 1998
Nancy Smith	Term Expires 2000

TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE

Al Soucy, Chairman	Term Expires 1998
Augustine Baffa	Term Expires 1998
J. Anthony Bergeron	Term Expires 1998
William H. Chalmers	Term Expires 1998
Francis "Skip" Nolin	Term Expires 1998
William Scharff	Term Expires 1998
Richard H. Webb	Term Expires 1998

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

James N. Elliott	Term Expires 1999
Bruce Jennings	Term Expires 1998
Robert P. Springer	Term Expires 2000

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE **COUNCIL DIRECTORS**

James N. Elliott	Term Expires 1999
Robert L. Ward	Term Expires 2000

WATER SEWER COMMISSIONERS

William Roach, Chairman	Term Expires 2000
Gordon Ramspott, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Eric Allen, resigned	Term Expires 2000
Henry Cunningham, appointed	Term Expires 1988
James Leland	Term Expires 1998
David Montambeault	Term Expires 1999
Eileen Stiles	Term Expires 1998
Ronald P. Wyman	Term Expires 1998

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

William Price, Chairman	Term Expires 1998
William H. Chalmers	Term Expires 1998
Robert Mastin	Term Expires 2000
Margaret Thompson	Term Expires 1999
Peter White	Term Expires 1998
Karen Tutthill, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
Arthur B. Zerbel, Jr., Alternate	Term Expires 2000
Robert Cook, Alternate	Term Expires 2001

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

I would like to start by thanking all of the Employees, Department Heads, Volunteers, and Taxpayers of the Town for a very good year. I would also like to thank the other two selectmen. I feel that we have had a good Board this year, which has made it easier to make some hard decisions, and deal with the general business at hand.

This year saw the Selectmen working closely with the Water and Sewer Department on the Georges Mills and Sunapee Water Projects. The Town took possession and began operating the Georges Mills' system in October, and all is running well on the wells. The Sunapee plant is well on its way to being completed on schedule.

We also welcomed a new Town Clerk/Tax Collector this year. Betty Ramspott has made a smooth transition into the position and she, and Eileen Stiles, are both doing well with the important task of collecting taxes and serving the people of the Town.

The Selectmen welcomed Bill Chalmers to the Board this year. Bill brings to the Board an open-minded, business point of view, which I have found both educational and a great help in dealing with the operation of the Town.

We have finished our first full year on the new pay plan, which is working fairly well. More discussion on refining this plan is expected in the coming year. Recommendations for changes to the Employee Handbook have also been made, and a program for yearly review of both of these documents has been worked on in the past year.

Another project that the Selectmen continued with this year was perambulation, which is the walking of the boundary lines between towns, and the locating and marking of the boundary markers. Last year we did the boundary with New London, this year Springfield and Croydon. Newbury having been done earlier. This leaves only Newport and Goshen, which we hope to be able to do in 1998.

The last thing that I would like to mention is the new form of Town Meeting. Although I was quite fond of the traditional form of Town Meeting, the voters opted for the new form this year. I wish to stress to the voters of Sunapee that it is important to go to the Meetings, so that when you go to the polls on March 10, 1998, that your vote is an informed vote. And please do not hesitate to call the Town Office, Town Manager, or any one of the Selectmen to answer any question about any article and/or dates of meetings. I say again that the informed voter is essential for this system to work properly.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick C. Gallup
Selectmen Chairman

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Writing this report gives me an opportunity to review the minutes and notes from the Selectmen's meetings to determine just what has happened in the past year – a chance to step back and look at the forest as a whole. The average number of night meetings I attended per week dropped slightly from 2.2 a week in 1995 to just over 2.0 in 1997. This year seems to have had an emphasis on improving the infrastructure of the Town.

Water has continued to play an important role:

- The water system improvements, required by the State under the consent decree, are well on their way. The Georges Mills wells and new storage tank are on line and operating well. The Sunapee Filtration plant is under construction and due to be on-line in June of 1998. Water meters have been installed everywhere water services are provided. The repairs to the old concrete water tank are almost completed; a new Chase Street water line is in place and the road surface recycled and ready for new pavement after having a chance to settle through the winter. The water improvements have been done by the Water & Sewer Department with close communication and coordination with the Selectmen and myself.
- The Otter Pond Dam was successfully repaired during late summer by the Highway Department, members of which showed some artistic and creative abilities in finding solutions for repairing the leaks and placing of stones to provide an attractive, finished pool and a new dry hydrant for the Fire Department. After much urging from the Board of Selectmen, the State placed new screening in the outlet of Lake Sunapee to help prevent anybody being pulled into the dam gates if they happened to fall into the lake outlet in the harbor. A grant has been received, after working with the LSPA and State, for installation of a marine waste dumping facility next to the restrooms in the harbor. The Water & Sewer department will be constructing it in time for use this summer. Further down stream, the State took back the control of the Wendell Marsh dam, and repaired that dam gate after all the water in Wendell Marsh was emptied due to the broken gates.
- Since Ledge Pond is no longer used for the Georges Mills water supply, there is an article on the 1998 Town Meeting Warrant asking for the approval of the voters to sell a strip of shoreland back to the assigns of the original seller as required under the 1956 purchase agreement. Permission is also being asked to keep most of the Town owned land around Ledge Pond for conservation and recreation purposes.
- Another article on the 1998 Warrant has to do with clean water: Residents around Perkins Pond have requested the Town to take steps to build a sewer

collection system for that area to replace the inadequate septic systems. There is an article for funding of the engineering of such a system.

- Other improvements during the year include the installation of granite curbing around the garden in Sunapee harbor and extensive work by Ellie Goddard and many others replanting the garden and other areas throughout town making it much more attractive. The Ben Mere parking area has been enlarged during the installation of a water main under it.

General administrative actions covered during the year were varied and time consuming:

- A grant from the Department of Transportation has been obtained for Sunapee and Newbury, under the Scenic Byways Program. We are using our portion to develop the Riverwalk from the Information Booth to the Harbor.
- A new radio repeater was installed on Trow Hill for the Fire Department that allows better contact between firefighters and dispatchers. Emergency dispatch was moved from New London to Newport after New London decided to triple its rates.
- The new pay plan was implemented for 1997 and has had a few changes made as experience has dictated. The employee handbook was written and put in place and will be updated as needed. As mentioned in my report last year, the employee health insurance system faced a 25% rate increase for 1997, but changing to the Blue Choice system brought about an 11% decrease. Unfortunately that savings was short lived – we received a 45% rate increase for 1998. The increase is being offset some by removing the previous provision of reimbursing employees for part of the deductibles paid by the employees. Employees pay 10% of the premiums.
- The New Hampshire Vermont Solid Waste Project, to which we belong, has made a number of improvements during the year: The contract with the incinerator company was renegotiated, various law suits have been dropped or settled, and the tipping rate at the incinerator has been reduced from \$96.53/ton to \$51.75 with the hope that more wastes will be brought to the incinerator and therefor the user Towns will not have to pay for not producing the guaranteed minimum tonnage.
- My congratulations to our Road Agent, Tony Bergeron, for becoming a Roads Scholar with over 100 hours of training from the Technology Training Center at UNH – training that he has used to help provide the great highway maintenance program that we have. He and I have proposed to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee, who have in turn endorsed it, a new pavement improvement program that is projected to cost \$90,000 per year to repave the approximately 36 miles of paved roads over 12 years, the expected lifetime of the improvements. We must take such steps to maintain

and improve our infrastructure before the roads become so bad that it will cost many times more to rebuild them. I urge your approval of the proposed program.

- The State revaluation of all properties in Town began last fall and is scheduled to be complete in time for the second half tax billing next fall. You will receive notice of the new valuation placed on your property and have an opportunity to meet with the assessors if you feel the value is incorrect. In the mean time, please cooperate with the assessors when they come to view your property.

Financial management continues to take much of my time; from budget preparation, through implementation, to accounting. I am very grateful to all the town employees for the care they take to spend the least possible amount while still providing excellent service to the community. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and community minded people working and volunteering for us. Thank you all!

In closing, I would like to comment on the Ballot Bill that was voted in last year. Under this provision, the first session of Town meeting is held in late January or early February, February 4th this year, at which time some of the warrant questions can be amended, but no final action is taken. Then on the second Tuesday in March, March 10 this year, all registered voters can go to the polls any time from 9 am to 7 p.m., and cast their votes for elected officials, zoning ordinance changes, and each of the Town Meeting Warrant questions as they have been amended by the February 4th meeting, all without discussion on March 10. Thus it is very important that voters come to the first session of the Town Meeting to obtain an understanding of the articles and to make sure that the March voters have an opportunity to make real decisions. We are providing a copy of the ballot with a summary section on which you can mark how you wish to vote and then bring with you to the polls to assist you in marking the ballot. We hope this will make it easier and faster for everyone at the polls and prevent long delays.

I thank everyone who has participated as a volunteer, Committee member and employee during the last year and again urge everyone to participate in your community.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Wheeler
Town Manager

TOWN OF SUNAPEE TOWN WARRANT THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE, County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium located on Route 11, in said Sunapee, on Wednesday, the 4th day of February, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. for the deliberative portion of the annual Town Meeting to discuss articles 2 through 33, and to amend, if deemed appropriate, Articles 6 through 32, hereinafter set forth. Final voting action on all articles shall take place by ballot on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1998, at the Sherburne Gymnasium, Route 11, Sunapee. The polls shall be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, Section 3.10 and 3.20 to provide for maximum residential densities in all Districts per the following table?

Maximum Residential Density

<i>District I (including Overlay IV)</i>	<i>1 dwelling unit/10,000 ft</i>
<i>District II (including Overlay IV)</i>	<i>1 dwelling unit/1.0 acre</i>
<i>District III (including Overlay IV)</i>	<i>1 dwelling unit/1.5 acres</i>

Planning Board Favors adopting Amendment #1; 3-1

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XI, Definitions and Explanations, by adding a definition of a Temporary Structure which will include portable structures less than 20 square feet in area, tents, recreational vehicles, and campers which are in place no more than six months per calendar year?

Planning Board favors adopting Amendment #2; 4-0

The full text of the proposed definition of Temporary Structure is as follows:

Temporary structure - A structure which is portable, does not exceed 20 square feet in area, and is in place no more than six months in any calendar year. For the purpose of this definition tents, awnings, recreational vehicles, and campers, all regardless of size, may also be

considered temporary structures. In no case shall a temporary structure create a nuisance or health hazard or violate the provisions of the Shoreland Protection Act.

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XI, Definition of Structure, to include temporary structures as minor installations therefore making such exempt from permit requirements?

Planning Board favors adopting Amendment #3; 4-0

The full text of the proposed definition of Structure is as follows:

Structure - Anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on the ground. Structure includes, but is not limited to a building, swimming pool, mobile home, billboard, pier, wharf. It shall not include a minor installation such as fence less than five (5) feet high, mail box, flag pole, dog house, *or a temporary structure as defined*. Fences which are considered minor installations must be constructed in such a manner as to allow the fence owner the ability to maintain both the fence and fence owner's land, if any, on the neighbor's side of the fence.

Article 5: To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, Committees and/or other officers heretofore chosen.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles 7 through 25, nor article 32 the amounts and purposes set forth below, totaling \$3,135,911.00. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,081,505.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Sunapee or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only:

General Government

Executive	\$ 106,632.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector & Elections	\$ 92,290.00
Finance	\$ 57,852.00
Assessing	\$ 5,000.00
Legal	\$ 17,000.00
Personnel Benefits not Allocated	\$ 600.00
Planning & Zoning	\$ 26,539.00
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 22,103.00

Cemeteries	\$ 12,918.00
Insurance not Allocated	\$ 3,800.00
Information Booth	\$ 8,418.00
Other General Government	\$ 21,846.00
Total General Government	\$ 374,998.00
Public Safety	
Police Department	\$ 312,287.00
Ambulance Service	\$ 9,660.00
Fire Department	\$ 92,375.00
Emergency Management	\$ 200.00
Total Public Safety	\$ 414,522.00
Public Works	
Highway Department	\$ 557,002.00
Street Lights	\$ 35,500.00
Transfer Station	\$ 290,090.00
Total Public Works	\$ 882,592.00
Public Service	
Health Officer	\$ 4,227.00
Animal Control	\$ 650.00
Health Services	\$ 8,095.00
Welfare	\$ 66,033.00
Recreation	\$ 48,751.00
Library	\$ 104,661.00
Patriotic/Culture	\$ 2,950.00
Conservation	\$ 800.00
Total Public Service	\$ 236,167.00
Debt Service	
Debt Principal	\$ 156,448.00
Debt Interest	\$ 56,983.00
TAN Interest	\$ 12,000.00
Total Debt	\$ 225,431.00
Subtotal General Government	\$ 2,133,710.00
Special Revenue Funds	
Water & Sewer Department	
Water Operating	\$ 188,910.00

Water Debt	\$ 104,952.00
Total Water	\$ 293,862.00
Sewer Collection	\$ 172,658.00
Sewer Treatment Plant	\$ 248,687.00
Sewer Debt	\$ 149,673.00
Sewer	\$ 571,018.00
Water & Sewer Department	\$ 864,880.00
Hydroelectric Operating	\$ 50,446.00
Hydroelectric Debt	\$ 86,875.00
Total Hydroelectric	\$ 137,321.00
Total Special Revenue Funds	\$ 1,002,201.00
 Total Operating Budget	 \$ 3,135,911.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund formed by Article 33 of the 1984 Town Meeting for the purpose of acquiring or refurbishing fire apparatus and equipment.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund formed by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Highway Garage Facility Capital Reserve Fund formed by Article 22 of the 1997 Town Meeting.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for the purchase of hardware, software and necessary installation costs associated with an automated Town Clerk Program, including vehicle registrations.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,700.00 to purchase and equip a new four wheel drive police cruiser, to trade in or sell the 1993 Ford Bronco, and to authorize the use of said trade-in or sale to offset the amount to be raised by taxation. It is expected that the Town will receive \$7,400 for the trade-in.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000.00 to purchase and equip a new fire truck; to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$160,000.00 from the previously authorized Fire Apparatus and Equipment Reserve Fund; to trade in or sell the present Engine 3 Pumper, and to authorize the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from the Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 to purchase and equip a new loader for the Highway Department, to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$120,000.00 from the previously authorized Highway Heavy Equipment Fund; to trade in or sell the existing loader, and to authorize the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from the Reserve Fund. It is expected that the Town will receive \$7,000.00 for the present loader.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 to purchase and equip a two wheel drive pick-up truck for use by the Water & Sewer Department; to sell or trade in the existing 1991 Ford four wheel drive pick-up truck; to authorize the use of said trade-in or sale to off-set the remaining sum which is to be drawn one third from the Water and two thirds from the Sewer Capital Improvement Funds.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,650.00 for renovations and improvements, including, but not limited to, new carpeting and painting of the main floor rooms of the Abbott Library.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to support the hiring of a part time Director of Recreation for the Town. If this article is approved, the future funding for said part-time position

will be included in the operating budget (rather than as a special article) next year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,700.00 to pave the Town Hall Parking Lot; to authorize the use of \$8,900.00 from the Coffin Park Fund for such purposes. The balance of \$800.00 is to come from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 to prepare and paint the Old Town Hall building on Main Street.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,638.00 to pay for certain studies of electric load profiles within the Town and other related research in furtherance of the possible aggregation of the Town's and/or its residents' and businesses' electric loads in the New Hampshire Municipal Association Pooled Energy Plan in preparation for deregulation of the electric industry in New Hampshire.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 to start an annual paved road improvement program that will provide for resurfacing Town roads on a twelve year program. If approved this year, the future funding of \$90,000.00 per year for this program will be included in the yearly operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$380,000.00 to close the old Town Landfill at the present recycling center on Avery Road in accordance with State approved plans prepared by the Town Engineering Consultant; to authorize the use of \$180,633.00 from the previously approved Capital Reserve Fund for Closing the Landfill; the use of \$50,000.00 from the Hydroelectric Fund Surplus; the use of \$76,000.00 from State Grants; and the use of \$12,337.00 to be received from the Town of Springfield; the remaining \$61,030 to be raised from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed, or December 31, 2002, whichever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 to replace and update the municipal water lines on Lake Avenue from the Harbor to approximately Clearwater Avenue; and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Water Capital Improvement fund. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed, or December 31, 2000, whichever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the engineering and design of a municipal sewer collection system in the Perkins Pond area; and to authorize the use of \$100,000.00 from the Hydroelectric Fund for such purposes.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to update the disinfection system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to provide a safer working environment; and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Sewer Attachment Fee fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,900.00 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund established in 1989 under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the December 31, 1997, fund balance.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to sell to Robert and Lynne Bell, owners of rights to re-purchase land (Map 10, Lot 15A), the land purchased by the Town of Sunapee from Constance N. Tallarico in 1956 for the purpose of preserving the Georges Mills drinking water supply. Said purchase deed by the Town of Sunapee states "The grantee agrees and it is part of the consideration for this conveyance that in the event the grantee ceases to use Ledge Pond as a source of water supply that the grantor, her heirs or assigns, shall have the right to purchase the within tract from the grantee for the same consideration the grantor is conveying the premises to the grantee."

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and consummate an exchange of the Town owned lot, Map 11, Lot 21, which is approximately 1.23 acres, for a right of way through Map 8, Lot 10 property to Town Owned Map 10, Lot 15; with the provision that Map 11, Lot 21

shall have conservation easements on it preventing any development. This exchange will provide access to the large 104 acre Town lot that abuts Ledge Pond, allowing greater conservation and education use of the land.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to give general direction to the Board of Selectmen to keep the presently owned Town property around Ledge Pond (excluding Map 11, Lot 21 of the previous Article) for recreation and conservation purposes as the land is no longer required for the protection of the Georges Mills public drinking water supply.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exchange approximately equal square feet of property with abutters of Town property to provide sufficient land for the abutters' buildings; said swaps to be done at the abutters' expense. The lots involved are map 6, lot 8, (Jobs Creek Road) and map 6, lot 50D (Garnet Hill Road). The problem was discovered when the Town surveyed the property in preparation for logging.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to declare the third Saturday in July as Firemen's Day and reserve the Ben Mere Area for the Volunteer Firemen's use that day.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of municipal assets (i.e.; old vehicles or equipment) as deemed necessary.

Article 32: To see if the Town of Sunapee will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town of Sunapee History Fund, for the purpose of preparing and publishing a history of the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 toward this purpose; to designate the Town Manager as Agent to Expend; to direct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a seven member Sunapee History Committee to coordinate the preparation of the Town History and arrange for its publication. Additional funds estimated to be in the amount of \$15,000.00 for final printing are expected to be requested next year. All proceeds from the sale of the Town Histories will be returned to the Town. By Petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 33: Do you favor the continuation of the Town Manager plan as now in force in the Town of Sunapee? By Petition.

Given under our hands and seal this 15th day of January, 1998.

Frederick C. Gallup, Chairman

Jean W. Putonen

William H. Chalmers

A true copy of Warrant, Attest

Frederick C. Gallup, Chairman

Jean W. Putonen

William H. Chalmers

Below is a summary list of the Town Meeting Articles that involve appropriations, the type of Article, and the effect on the tax rate the Article would have if there were no other general income to offset the expense. These estimates are the same type used the past few years on the warrant. The total of all the estimates exceeds the actual expected tax rate by almost 100% due to the projected revenues previously listed.

The total expected Town portion of the Tax Rate, assuming all the recommended articles are passed, is \$3.46/\$1,000 of valuation. This is an \$.08 increase from the present \$3.38, or 2.5%. If Article 32 were passed, there would be an additional \$.05 increase for a total of 3.9%.

Article	Subject	Type of Article	\$	\$ on Tax Rate
6	Operating Budget	Operating	3,135,911	5.17
7	Fire Reserve	Special	40,000	0.10
8	Highway Reserve	Special	70,000	0.17
9	Garage Reserve	Special	25,000	0.06
10	Town Clerk System	Individual	7,000	0.02
11	Police Cruiser	Individual	30,700	0.06
12	Fire Truck	Special	160,000	0.00
13	Loader	Special	120,000	0.00
14	2WD W&S Truck	Special	13,000	0.00
15	Abbott Library	Special	9,650	0.02
16	Recreation Position	Individual	15,000	0.04
17	Town Hall Paving	Special	9,700	0.00
18	Paint Police Building	Individual	12,000	0.03
19	Electric Aggregation	Individual	2,638	0.01
20	Road Paving	Operating	90,000	0.22
21	Landfill Closure	Special	380,000	0.15
22	Lake Ave Main	Special	90,000	0.00
23	Perkins Pond	Special	100,000	0.00
24	WWTP Change	Special	10,000	0.00
25	Cemetery Expendable	Special	<u>1,900</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Subtotal Recommended Articles			4,322,499	6.05
32	Town History	Special	<u>20,000</u>	<u>0.05</u>
Total of All Articles			4,342,499	6.10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Acct. description	97 Voted	97 Spent	98 Request	98 Recom'd	% Inc
General Government					
Executive	102,006	97,752	106,632	106,632	4.54%
Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Elections	83,890	83,581	92,779	92,290	10.01%
Finance	55,878	53,508	57,852	57,852	3.53%
Assessing	16,000	10,320	5,000	5,000	-68.75%
Legal	17,000	8,668	17,000	17,000	0.00%
Personnel Benefits not Allocated	500	1,050	600	600	20.00%
Planning & Zoning	26,024	20,051	26,411	26,539	1.98%
Buildings & Grounds	20,530	16,742	21,883	22,103	7.66%
Cemeteries	12,505	9,217	12,918	12,918	3.30%
Insurance not Allocated	3,200	6,098	3,800	3,800	18.75%
information Booth	8,047	6,912	8,418	8,418	4.61%
Other General Government	19,627	16,507	21,846	21,846	11.31%
Total General Government	365,207	330,406	375,139	374,998	2.68%
Public Safety					
Police Department	317,317	302,044	307,440	312,287	-1.59%
Ambulance Service	9,260	9,163	9,445	9,660	4.32%
Fire Department	78,936	79,085	92,482	92,375	17.03%
Emergency Management	200	0	200	200	0.00%
Total Public Safety	405,713	390,292	409,567	414,522	2.17%
Public Works					
Highway Department	535,361	486,325	551,334	557,002	4.04%

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Acct. description	97 Voted	97 Spent	98 Request	98 Recom'd	% Inc
Street Lights	35,500	34,222	35,500	35,500	0.00%
Transfer Station	308,837	304,665	295,750	290,090	-6.07%
Total Public Works	879,698	825,212	882,584	882,592	0.33%
Public Service					
Health Officer	3,895	3,717	4,227	4,227	8.52%
Animal Control	650	340	650	650	0.00%
Health Services	7,970	7,970	8,170	8,095	1.57%
Welfare	66,262	58,691	68,096	66,033	-0.35%
Recreation	45,815	41,538	48,716	48,751	6.41%
Library	94,773	93,765	104,886	104,661	10.43%
Patriotic/Culture	2,950	2,812	2,950	2,950	0.00%
Conservation	500	500	800	800	60.00%
Total Public Service	222,815	209,333	238,495	236,167	5.99%
Debt Service					
Debt Principal	160,154	245,399	148,685	156,448	-2.31%
Debt Interest	43,264	66,010	31,863	56,983	31.71%
TAN Interest	12,000	0	12,000	12,000	0.00%
Total Debt	215,418	311,409	192,548	225,431	4.65%
Subtotal General Government	2,088,851	2,066,652	2,098,333	2,133,710	2.15%
Special Revenue Funds					
Water & Sewer Department					
Water Operating	144,911	129,868	193,910	188,910	30.36%

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Acct. description	97 Voted	97 Spent	98 Request	98 Recom'd	% Inc
Water Debt	2,500	2,500	105,952	104,952	4098.08%
Total Water	147,411	132,368	299,862	293,862	99.35%
Sewer Collection	143,561	143,561	172,658	172,658	20.27%
Sewer Treatment Plant	233,752	204,389	248,687	248,687	6.39%
Sewer Debt	140,875	140,875	149,673	149,673	6.25%
Total Sewer	518,188	488,825	571,018	571,018	10.20%
Total Water & Sewer Department	665,599	621,193	870,880	864,880	29.94%
Hydroelectric Operating	48,780	35,517	50,446	50,446	3.42%
Hydroelectric Debt	94,000	94,000	86,875	86,875	-7.58%
Total Hydroelectric	142,780	129,517	137,321	137,321	-3.82%
Total Special Revenue Funds	808,379	750,710	1,008,201	1,002,201	23.98%
Total Operating Budget	2,897,230	2,817,362	3,106,534	3,135,911	8.24%
Special and Individual Articles	371,531	302,552	1,069,688	1,049,688	182.53%
Expendible Trusts	1,510	2,860	1,900	1,900	25.83%
Capital Reserve Fund	145,000	145,000	135,000	135,000	-6.90%
Total Separate Articles	518,041	450,412	1,206,588	1,186,588	129.05%
Total Budget	3,415,271	3,267,774	4,313,122	4,322,499	26.56%

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE

Source	1997 <u>Estimated</u>	1997 <u>Actual</u>	1998 <u>Estimated</u>	'98-'97 <u>Estimated</u>
Taxes				
Land Use Change Tax	2,000	5,040	4,000	2,000
Yield Taxes	1,000	9,636	6,000	5,000
Interest & Penalties	100,000	129,498	120,000	20,000
Licenses, Permits & Fees				
Vehicle Registrations	315,000	379,825	330,000	15,000
Building & Land Permits	4,000	7,259	4,000	
Licenses, Permits & Fees	25,000	30,343	25,000	
From State				
Shared Revenue - State	50,000	55,317	13,385	(36,615)
Highway Block Grant	70,000	66,378	77,917	7,917
Sidewalk Grant			20,000	20,000
Water Pollution Grant	68,015	57,412	60,834	(7,181)
Other State Grants		1,190	81,000	81,000
NH Rooms & Meals	20,944	28,210	39,658	18,714
Police Safety Grant	11,145	7,020	7,918	(3,227)
Intergovernmental Revenue				
Springfield for T/S	61,767	62,000	71,288	9,521
NH/VT SWD Reimb.		27,071		
Income from Departments				
General Government Misc.	2,500	8,807	3,000	500
Police Special Detail	10,000	5,269	10,000	
Police Other				
Recycling	12,000	11,921	12,000	
Sewer Bond from Users		86,907		
Water Bond From Users	2,500	2,500	2,000	(500)
Town Dock Rental	3,491	3,491	3,656	165
Burial Income	2,000	1,800	2,000	
Office Rent/Services	3,000		3,000	
T/S Ticket Sales	30,000	35,286	35,000	5,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE (cont.)

Source	1997 <u>Estimated</u>	1997 <u>Actual</u>	1998 <u>Estimated</u>	'98-'97 <u>Estimated</u>
Other Charges				
Sale of Cemetery Lot	2,000	1,900	1,900	(100)
Sale of Highway Equipment	2,000	5,082	7,000	5,000
Sale of Cruiser	5,000	5,449	7,400	2,400
Miscellaneous Revenue				
Interest on Investments	30,000	70,813	40,000	10,000
Rents/Leases Services		270		
Fines, Witness Fees	1,500	2,671	2,000	500
Insurance Reimbursement	6,000			(6,000)
Donations - 38 Main Street	14,000	16,820		(14,000)
Other Revenues	4,800	5,707		(4,800)
Insurance Dividends	41,613	43,622	38,011	(3,602)
Enterprise Fund - Sewer	562,105	554,244	581,018	18,913
Enterprise Fund - Water	199,671	206,411	396,862	197,191
Enterprise Fund - Hydro	142,780	142,780	287,321	144,541
Capital Reserve Fund	19,000	17,508	453,633	434,633
Trust & Agency Funds	1,510	1,349	10,800	9,290
 Surplus to Offset Tax Rate	 400,000	 198,710	 250,000	 (150,000)
Total	2,226,341	2,295,515	3,007,601	781,260

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

For the 1998 budget year, the Budget Advisory Committee, made up of the same five members as last year, reviewed with the department managers and the Board of Selectmen, all of the Town funding requests. The committee reviewed each of the budgets in depth, asked questions and sought support for specific requests. As noted in the prior year, the Committee worked very well with all of the Town Departments.

The Town's total recommended budget increased 27% from the 1997 approved Town Budget. However, if all of the recommended articles are approved, due to the usage of Reserve funds, Hydroelectric surplus funds, and grant moneys, the projected Town portion of the tax rate will increase by only 2.5%. This year's recommended budget includes 20 requests for spending authority. The largest request is the operating budget for the Town. The remaining articles are individual requests made by various departments for large equipment purchases, federally mandated expenses (landfill closure) or unusual expenditures that the department wanted to highlight for the voters' approval. There is an additional petitioned article for \$20,000 for the Town History. The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend against Town funding for this project.

In addition to reviewing the requested expenditures, the Budget Advisory Committee reviewed all of the proposed revenue sources with the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen. These sources of revenue are estimated by the Town Manager to be \$3,057,601.00.

As in the past year, the Budget Advisory Committee members attended some of the School Budget meetings and provided input to the School Board. However, at the current time, the School Budget is still in process and will not be complete until after this report goes to the printer. The Committee would like to expand the assistance it has provided the School Board with the approval of the Town of Sunapee voters.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Naimie, Budget Advisory Committee Chairman
Charles Balyeat
Donna Davis
James Elliott
Emma Smith

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY 1997

Value of Land Only:	
Current Use	729,967.00
Residential	207,887,300.00
Commercial/Industrial	<u>10,504,900.00</u>
Total Taxable Land:	<u><u>\$ 219,122,167.00</u></u>
Value of Buildings Only:	
Residential	174,877,300.00
Manufactured Housing	1,180,700.00
Commercial/Industrial	<u>13,006,500.00</u>
Total Taxable Buildings:	<u><u>\$ 189,064,500.00</u></u>
Public Utilities:	<u><u>\$ 5,970,700.00</u></u>
Valuation before Exemptions:	<u><u>\$ 414,157,367.00</u></u>
Exemptions:	
Blind Exemptions	45,000.00
Elder Exemptions	<u>1,296,900.00</u>
Total Amount of Exemptions:	<u><u>\$ 1,341,900.00</u></u>
Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate is Computed:	\$ 412,815,467.00

BALANCE SHEET – UNAUDITED

Assets as of 12/31/97

CASH ON HAND

General Fund	\$2,398,475.59
Hydro Electric Fund	408,740.92
Water Dept. Funds	1,000,475.39
Sewer Dept. Funds	763,191.58
Water & Sewer Funds	4,888.46
Misc. Other Funds	58,852.10

Funds in Custody of Treasurer:	\$4,634,624.04
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

PSNH	7,862.40
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TAXES UNCOLLECTED:

Levy of 1997	511,936.96
Levy of 1996	160,338.64
Levy of 1995	93,749.47
Levy of 1994	2,996.13
Levy of 1993	1,515.75
Levy of 1992	120.28
Levy of 1991	127.50
Levy of 1990	121.98
Levy of 1989	31.40
TOTAL:	770,938.11

TOTAL AR/UNCOLLECTED	\$778,800.51
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TOTAL ASSETS/GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 5,413,424.55
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LIABILITIES AS OF 12/31/97:

Overpayment of Taxes	\$ 12,643.48
Unexpended Balances:	
Town Office Security (94 Art. #20)	4,594.00
Highway Fuel Tanks (95 Art. #21)	10,051.00
Feasibility Study (95 Art. #32)	2,775.00
38 Main Street (96 Art. #39)	511.00
Highway Garage Avery Rd. (96 Art. #40)	24,900.00
Lower Main Street Sidewalk	24,500.00
PD School Program (97 Art. #12)	5,615.44
Town Dock (97 Art. #15)	11,986.16
Chase Street Rebuilding (97 Art. #17)	30,945.67
Landfill Closure (97 Art. #24)	9,921.26
Forest Management Plan (97 Art. #32)	1,914.00

Due to Other Funds:	
Friends of Town Hall	561.31
Bartlett Tyler Fund	34,281.47
Sunapee Center Associates	393.93
Bandstand Account	1,087.72
Conservation Commission	1,560.16
Dewey Woods Commission	3,472.76
Harbor Ridge Property Invest. Pool	2,667.79
Special Recreation Account	7,265.49
Coffin Memorial Park	223.76
Special Fund – Pistol Permits	262.92
Police School Project	7,074.79
Hydro Account	408,740.92
Water Department Fund	1,000,475.39
Sewer Department Fund	763,191.58
Water & Sewer Fund	4,888.46
Due to School	2,099,831.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES: \$ 4,476,336.46

FUND BALANCE (Assets vs. Liabilities): \$ 937,088.09

Fund Balance December 31, 1996 \$ 941,667.29

Fund Balance December 31, 1997 \$ 937,088.09

Change in Financial Condition: \$ -4,579.20

SHOWING ANNUAL MATURATES OF OUTSTANDING
LONG TERM NOTES AND BONDS

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	ISSUE DATE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE %	OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 1996
Sewer Construction Bonds	\$ 806,250.00	1991	2001	6.75	\$ 400,000.00
Sewer Construction Bonds	\$ 393,750.00	1991	2001	6.70	\$ 195,000.00
Sewer Bond	\$ 1,933,000.00	1974	2001	5.00	\$ 328,000.00
Water Bond	\$ 350,000.00	1974	2001	5.00	\$ 50,000.00
Hydro-Electric Bond	\$ 1,100,000.00	1984	1999	9.50	\$ 200,000.00
Sewer Bonds	\$ 453,300.00	1986	2001	7.25	\$ 150,000.00
State Revolving Loan	\$ 469,777.00	1996	2005	2.60	\$ 428,047.00
Subtotal:					\$ 1,751,047.00
Accrued Landfill Closure Care Costs:					\$ 250,000.00
TOTAL:					<u>\$ 2,001,047.00</u>

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 1996, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
1997	\$ 343,817.00	\$ 96,161.00	\$ 439,978.00
1998	\$ 344,432.00	\$ 73,850.00	\$ 418,282.00
1999	\$ 320,577.00	\$ 51,536.00	\$ 372,113.00
2000	\$ 271,752.00	\$ 31,537.00	\$ 303,289.00
2001	\$ 267,956.00	\$ 16,410.00	\$ 284,366.00
2002-2005	\$ 202,513.00	\$ 13,358.00	\$ 15,871.00
TOTALS	<u>\$ 1,751,047.00</u>	<u>\$ 282,852.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,033,899.00</u>

The above does not include amounts for the Garnet Hill Project. The loan was issued by the State of New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program. At the time of audit, a repayment schedule was not available.

1998 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN PORTION

Appropriations	\$ 3,415,271	
Less: Revenues	\$ 2,134,140	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ 13,127	
Add: Overlay	\$ 99,192	
Add: War Service Credits	\$ 27,700	
Net Town Appropriation		\$ 1,394,896
Town Tax Rate		3.38

SCHOOL PORTION

Due to Local School	\$ 4,174,435	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ 23,737	
Net School Appropriation		\$ 4,150,698
School Tax Rate		10.05

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	\$ 1,122,322	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ 5,074	
Net County Appropriation		\$ 1,117,248
County Tax Rate		<u>2.71</u>
Total Tax Rate:		<u>16.14</u>

Total Property Taxes Assessed:	\$ 6,662,842	
Less: War Service Credits	\$ 27,700	
Total Property Tax Commitment		\$ 6,662,842

1998 – ESTIMATED TAX RATE

Appropriations	\$ 4,322,499	
Less: Revenues	\$ 3,007,601	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ 13,385	
Add: Overlay	\$ 100,000	
Add: War Service Credits	\$ 27,700	
Net Town Appropriation		\$ 1,429,213
Estimated Town Tax Rate		3.46

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1997

Map/Lot	Property	Assessed		Insured Value	
		Value	Building	Contents	Equipment Vehicle
26/12	Town Hall, Building	162,100	220,000	50,000	
	Coffin Park Land	36,000			
26/25	Library, Land & Building	172,200	250,000	500,000	
29/92	Police Department, Land & Buildings	104,100	400,000	60,000	63,642
<u>Fire Department Land & Buildings</u>					
14/69A	Georges Mills Fire Station	57,000	67,740	20,000	
25/6	Sunapee Fire Station (building)	73,400	130,410	40,000	187,800
	Note: Land combined with Highway Department Land				
25/6	Highway Department, buildings	59,500	123,165	40,000	531,500
	Highway, Land (incl.: Sunapee Fire Station & Route 11 Ballfield)	191,500			
7/47&49	Transfer/Recycling Facility	253,200	55,000	20,000	85,500
<u>Parks, Commons & Playgrounds:</u>					
6/1	Ski Tow	109,600			
6/9	Dewey Woods (incl.: 6/6, 6/7, & 23/7)	514,600			
6/47	Bartlett-Tyler Lot	368,100			
14/40	Georges Mills Dock & Beach	444,000			
26/21	38 Main Street	38,400			
23/9	Dewey Beach (incl.: Pump Station)	481,900	24,150	1,150	

Map/Lot	Property	Assessed		Insured Value	
		Value	Building	Contents	Equipment Vehicle
26/57	Town Docks - Sunapee Harbor	552,200	19,925	1,150	
26/65	Ben Mere Park/Bandstand	299,800	25,000	10,000	
30/36	R.O.W. Burkehaven Lane	25,200			
14/59	R.O.W. Jobs Creek Road	46,700			
14/62	R.O.W. Jobs Creek Road	48,600			
	<u>Water Supply Facilities:</u>				
26/62A	R.O.W. to Reservoir	2,400			
26/90A	Pump Station - River Road	36,700	54,340	46,000	
27/24A	Reservoir-Burkehaven Road	477,700			
	Water Dept. Bldg.-Meadowbrook		6,040	1,500	
	Municipal Water Supply Land	38,600	280,183	201,183	
	(incl.: 10/7-4,10/7-5, 10/7-6, 10/7-9, 10/7-10, 10/7-11)				
10/26-1	Tank Site	27,200	84,600		
	<u>Sewer Plant & Facilities:</u>				
5/22	Treatment Plant	3,417,800	528,890		28,840
Various	Land & Pump Stations	179,300	1,098,528		58,359
26/11	<u>Hydroelectric Plant</u>	1,528,600	131,250	400,000	
	<u>Schools, Land & Buildings</u>				
7/55	Middle/High School	2,421,700			
22/28	Playground	56,200			
22/42	Land off Lower Main Street	5,000			
25/4&4A	Elementary School, House, Gym	1,940,600			

Map/Lot	Property	Assessed		Insured Value	
		Value	Building	Contents	Equip. Vehicle
<u>Land & Buildings acquired through Tax Lien</u>					
1/10	Messer Road	12,900			
7/45-2	Land off Sargent Road	8,000			
7/45-5	Land off Sargent Road	29,600			
17/2	Fernwood Point Road	21,600			
<u>Cemeteries</u>					
	Land (incl.: 9/15, 9/34, 14/42B, 22/16)	155,500			
<u>All Other Town owned property and equipment</u>					
	Ledge Pond (incl.: 10/15&15A, 11/15, 11/16, 11/21	569,100			
	Parking Lots (incl.: 26/19, 26/20, 26/22, 26/53-1)	63,300			
8/6	Webb-Flint Lot	46,000			
23/1&2	Land on Route 11	32,500			
10/44	Spaulding Property - Otter Pond	11,100			
26/10	Information Booth	45,400			
30/9	Birch Point Road	73,900			
5/56-2	Crowther Chapel	41,000	30,000		
4/21-E	Stagecoach Lane - Backland	9,500			
5/27-A	Off Route 11 - Near Treatment Plant Rd.	23,200			
8/39	Jobs Creek Road - Wooded Lot	25,700			
4/24-H	Harbor Hill Road	90,100			
TOTALS		15,428,300	3,529,221	1,390,983	323,865 739,001

EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS

ELDERLY EXEMPTION:

There is an exemption for those property owners who meet the following qualifications.

1. You must be at least 65 years of age on April 1st of the tax year.
2. Your income cannot exceed \$13,400, if you are single, or \$20,400 if you are married. This includes Social Security and other pensions, interest, and dividends, as well as any other earnings.
3. Your net assets may not exceed \$35,000. This excludes the value of your residence.

If you are 65-74 years of age and qualify, \$20,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

If you are 74-79 years of age and qualify, \$30,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

If you are 80 years of age or older and qualify, \$40,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

BLIND EXEMPTION

If you are legally blind as determined by the Blind Services Department of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Education Department you may be eligible for this exemption. For this exemption, \$15,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

VETERAN'S CREDIT

There is a tax credit for eligible Veterans and/or Widows of Veterans. The credit is \$100 and is deducted after your taxes have been calculated and prior to mailing your second half tax bill.

Further information, and applications for these exemptions and credits may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office or call 763-2212

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 1997

- Article 1: Officers elected on non-partisan ballot 03-11-97
- Article 2: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 3: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 4: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 5: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 6: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 7: An amendment was made to reduce the total of Public Service & Debt to \$438,233. The amendment passed by voice vote.
Article passed by voice vote.
- Article 8: A motion was made to change the original warrant amount to \$808,379. The motion passed by a voice vote.
- Article 9: Ballot vote. Yes 87, No 138. Failed.
- Article 10: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 11: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 12: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 13: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 14: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 15: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 16: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 17: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 18: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 19: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 20: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 21: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 22: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 23: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 24: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 25: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 26: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 27: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 28: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 29: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 30: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 31: Ballot vote. Yes 144, No 9. Passed.
- Article 32: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 33: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 34: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 35: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 36: Voice vote. Passed.
- Article 37: Voice vote. Passed.

Note: Article 18 in the 1996 Town Report was incorrectly stated, it should have read. Article 18: Ballot vote. Yes 264, No 299. Failed.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Sunapee for the year ended December 31, 1996, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involving matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

The following conditions were noted that we do not consider to be material weaknesses:

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS

Although the Water and Sewer Department are comparatively small in dollar amount, their complexity consumes much bookkeeping time. The Sewer Department's chart of accounts includes six cash and twelve interest revenue accounts. We recommend an attempt be made to reduce the number of accounts to a more manageable form. Since there is currently some provision to network all departments to the general fund computer system we suggest that the Water and Sewer Department also utilize this system. This conversion would allow for the sharing of knowledge required to operate and maintain the general fund's computer system.

It is also noted that our prior year's recommendation to reconcile cash and investments accounts was implemented during the current year.

TAX COLLECTOR

The present system of accounting for tax abatements is cumbersome in order to maintain accountability as they are issued. We recommend that abatement forms be numbered consecutively by year and abatements issued.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or record keeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sunapee as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Sunapee has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Sunapee, as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sunapee. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 1996

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group General	Total
	General	Special Revenue	Trust and Agency	Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS					
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 573,799	\$ 894,540	\$ 7,728	\$	\$ 1,476,067
Investments	1,020,022	429,530	798,954		2,248,506
Receivables (Net of Allowances For Uncollectibles)					
Taxes	895,318				895,318
Accounts		199,703			199,703
Intergovernmental		674,985			674,985
Interfund Receivable	310,676	33,260	1,350		345,286
<u>Other Debits</u>					
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt				2,001,047	2,001,047
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$ 2,799,815</u>	<u>\$ 2,232,018</u>	<u>\$ 808,032</u>	<u>\$ 2,001,047</u>	<u>\$ 7,840,912</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Intergovernmental Payable	\$ 2,047,016	\$	\$ 31,922	\$	\$ 2,078,938
Interfund Payable	34,610	123,214	187,462		345,286
Escrow and Performance Deposits			2,972		2,972
Other Deferred Revenues		631,991			631,991
General Obligation Debt Payable				1,751,047	1,751,047
Estimated Landfill Closure Costs				250,000	250,000
Total Liabilities	<u>2,081,626</u>	<u>755,205</u>	<u>222,356</u>	<u>2,001,047</u>	<u>5,060,234</u>
<u>Equity</u>					
<u>Fund Balances</u>					
Reserved For Endowments			101,847		101,847
Reserved For Encumbrances	59,412	15,299			74,711
Reserved For Special Purposes			483,829		483,829
<u>Unreserved</u>					
Designated For Special Purposes		1,461,514			1,461,514
Undesignated	658,777				658,777
Total Equity	<u>718,189</u>	<u>1,476,813</u>	<u>585,676</u>		<u>2,780,678</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 2,799,815</u>	<u>\$ 2,232,018</u>	<u>\$ 808,032</u>	<u>\$ 2,001,047</u>	<u>\$ 7,840,912</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Expendable Trust</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Taxes	\$ 6,448,403	\$	\$	\$ 6,448,403
Licenses and Permits	383,537			383,537
Intergovernmental	173,970	10,548		184,518
Charges for Services	139,123	936,358		1,075,481
Miscellaneous	119,010	82,421	19,575	221,006
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>				
Operating Transfers In	160,632	92,822	212,500	465,954
Proceeds of General Obligation Debt		<u>8,572</u>		<u>8,572</u>
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>7,424,675</u>	<u>1,130,721</u>	<u>232,075</u>	<u>8,787,471</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
<u>Current</u>				
General Government	362,732			362,732
Public Safety	358,215	1,011		359,226
Highways and Streets	559,159			559,159
Sanitation	299,223	476,694		775,917
Water Distribution and Treatment		288,233		288,233
Health	11,229			11,229
Welfare	43,632			43,632
Culture and Recreation	40,620	103,068		143,688
Hydro Plant	420	35,489		35,909
Debt Service	214,561	101,125		315,686
Capital Outlay	399,020			399,020
Intergovernmental	5,073,988			5,073,988
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>				
Operating Transfers Out	<u>304,540</u>		<u>160,632</u>	<u>465,172</u>
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>7,667,339</u>	<u>1,005,620</u>	<u>160,632</u>	<u>8,833,591</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>				
	(242,664)	125,101	71,443	(46,120)
<u>Fund Balances - January 1</u>	<u>960,853</u>	<u>1,351,712</u>	<u>358,507</u>	<u>2,671,072</u>
<u>Fund Balances - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 718,189</u>	<u>\$ 1,476,813</u>	<u>\$ 429,950</u>	<u>\$ 2,624,952</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/96

\$2,789,883.49

RECEIPTS

EXPENDITURES

Tax Collector/Town Clerk	\$ 7,694,791.90	
Selectmen	1,273,311.39	\$8,221,133.97
Interest (General Fund)	70,813.16	
Misc. Collection	2,157.25	9,813.12
Hydro Account	267,439.22	129,516.63
Friends of Town Hall	23.29	99.99
Bartlett Tyler Fund	1,047.31	1,682.00
Sunapee Center Associates	10.68	
Bandstand Account	101.46	
Conservation Commission	369.98	
Dewey Woods Commission	90.72	
Harbor Ridge Property Acct.	78.75	
Special Recreation Acct.	8,460.85	5,904.80
Coffin Memorial Park	6.06	
Special Fund – Pistol Permits	136.02	
Police School Project	11,427.48	4,352.69
Sewer Dept. General Fund	627,860.56	554,628.51
Sewer Dept. Const. Bond Acct.	76,670.74	98,155.86
Sewer Dept. Replacement Fund	17,837.91	6,748.59
Sewer Dept. Capital Improve. Fund	31,650.08	33,324.85
Sewer Dept. Garnet Hill Rd. Project	52,867.93	53,967.83
Water Dept. General Fund	652,257.45	421,177.51
Water Dept. Capital Inprov. Fund	3,463.89	37,748.58
Water & Sewer Construction Fund	56.47	449.59

Water Department Projects in Progress:

RD Bond	783,400.00	
RD Bond	1,300,000.00	
Concord Savings Bank BAN	666,000.00	
Grant Money	899,570.00	
Interest	84,780.12	73,653.29
Expenditures to date:		\$3,029,582.30

BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/97:

\$4,634,624.04

FUNDS ON HAND 12/31/97:

LSB Money Market	\$ 901,882.02
LSB Checking Account	29,306.23
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	1,467,287.34
LSB Friends of Town Hall	561.31
SRSB Bartlett Tyler Fund	34,281.47
LSB Sunapee Center Associates	393.93
SRSB Bandstand Account	1,087.72
LSB Conservation Commission	1,560.16
SRSB Dewey Woods Commission	3,472.76
SRSB Harbor Ridge Property Invest. Pool	2,667.79
SRSB Special Recreation Account	7,265.49
LSB Coffin Memorial Park	223.76
SRSB Special Fund – Pistol Permits	262.92
SRSB Police School Project	7,074.79
SRSB Hydro Account	408,740.92
LSB Sewer Department Checking Account	148,382.21
LSB Sewer Department Surplus Account	18,928.91
LSB Sewer Department Const. Bond Acct.	32,521.89
PDIP Sewer Dept. Const. Bond Account	117,621.04
LSB Sewer Department Replacement Fund	68,460.45
SRSB Sewer Department Capital Imp. Fund	33,398.39
PDIP Sewer Dept. Capital Imp. Fund	166,453.98
SRSB Sewer Dept. Capital Imp. Fund CD	117,256.33
SRSB Sewer Dept. Capital Imp. Fund CD	39,773.32
SRSB Sewer Dept. Garnet Hill Rd. Project	20,395.06
LSB Water Department Checking Account	152,317.42
LSB Water Department Surplus Account	175,630.70
SRSB Water Dept. Capital Imp. Fund	42,012.74
LSB Water & Sewer Construction Fund	4,888.46
CSB Water Department Construction in Progress	630,514.53

BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/97**\$4,634,624.04**

ANNUAL TRUST FUNDS REPORT

We started the year with 24 investment accounts holding our one hundred sixty-one trust funds. We ended with 26 accounts holding one hundred sixty-four funds. Our holdings' value increased 47%, from \$590,000 to just over \$873,000. Details are reported on the following page. The new accounts are capital reserve funds; one puts money away for a new Highway Department garage, the other is a resource for buying used equipment. The voters appropriated \$25,000 and \$10,000, respectively, to be put into the accounts.

Our investment accounts are in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (PDIP). It was created by the State to provide an almost risk-free return on our money. In 1997 we earned over 5%.

Please note the first two funds listed are identified as Common Trust Funds. Each consists of privately endowed funds grouped in common for investment purposes. Common #1 has money from 121 families asking the Town to use the earnings to provide perpetual care of loved ones' graves. Common #2 invests money contributed by 17 citizens to provide awards to our high school students.

We have had questions about the term "non-expendable". It is used by our auditors. It means that the authorized agent can spend only the interest the fund earns. The principal amount may not be spent. Half of our funds are non-expendable. This rule does not apply to the other half. Most are supported by appropriations voted at Town Meeting.

We have a Record Book for your use at the Town Hall during normal duty hours. It keeps you current on changes that occur during the year. It is available in the Selectmen's Office. Please look it over and tell us how we might improve it.

Respectfully submitted,
James Elliott
Bruce Jennings
Bob Springer
Trustees of the Trust Fund

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUND OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE

Calendar Year 1997

Year	Name of Trust	Begin Bal.	Added	Subtracted	Fund Bal.
Non-Expendable Trust Funds					
various	#1, Cemetery Pertpetl Care	37,080.09	1,970.02	1,348.88	37,701.23
various	#2, Student Awards	42,429.35	14,668.44	2,815.00	54,282.79
1983	Bartlett Speaking	14,729.11	769.43		15,498.54
1983	Bartlett Park	12,990.02	676.75		13,666.77
1970	Library, General	9,866.19	522.04	1,477.64	8,910.59
1972	Library, Gardner	1,660.81	931.54		2,592.35
1948	Firemen's, Knowlton, M.	11,772.55	621.73		12,394.28
1969	Firemen's, Robinson, C.B.	5,358.23	253.07	987.60	4,623.70
1987	Firemen's, Warren & Quaw	0.00	1,017.86		1,017.86
1968	Parks, Coffin, Elizabeth D.	15,876.32	804.24	1,311.23	15,369.33
1958	Visiting Nurse, Emerson, J.	2,238.78	117.26		2,356.04
1987	Historical Society	20,887.23	1,517.30		22,404.53
1990	Chapel, Crowther	7,370.82	752.53	498.44	7,624.91
	Total	182,259.50	24,622.21	8,438.79	198,442.92
Expendable Trust Funds					
1989	Cemetery	11,748.29	5,497.32	6,252.14	10,993.47
1995	Insurance deductible	5,358.98	273.87	234.50	5,398.35
1966	Parks, Memorial Gardens	1,641.12	665.58	1,006.25	1,300.45
1977	Parks, Dewey Woods		1,351.89		1,351.89
	Total	18,748.39	7,788.66	7,492.89	19,044.16
Capital Reserve Funds					
1984	Fire Department	71,326.15	85,721.29		157,047.44
1989	Highway Equipment	137,900.50	138,303.14	171,149.07	105,054.57
1991	Landfill Closure	148,170.38	47,233.14	43.00	195,360.52
1993	Tax Maps	29,058.69	1,546.30		30,604.99
1997	Revaluation		143,356.05	15,583.66	127,772.39
1997	Avery Road Garage		25,000.00		25,000.00
1997	Used Highway Equipment		10,000.00		10,000.00
1989	School Bus	969.17	51.19		1,020.36
1992	School Building	3,474.29	185.02		3,659.31
	Total	390,899.18	451,396.13	186,775.73	655,519.58
Total Trust Funds		591,907.07	483,807.00	202,707.41	873,006.66

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

It is a pleasure to inform you what has transpired in the Office of Town Clerk & Tax Collector during my first year in office.

First, and foremost, I would like to thank Eileen Stiles, Deputy Town Clerk & Tax Collector for her assistance during this transition year. The Town of Sunapee is fortunate to have such a knowledgeable, devoted, and caring person such as Mrs. Stiles. Eileen's knowledge of the motor vehicle portion of the job enabled us to continue issuing plates and decals with limited interruption to the citizens of Sunapee. Her wisdom in the tax area has been invaluable during this period.

The first year in any position requires education. I have attended seminars at the Division of Motor Vehicles, and became the Municipal Agent for the Town of Sunapee as of July 1, 1997. The Town Clerk's Association sponsored classes at the Bureau for Vital Statistics, and related topics associated with the Town Clerk's position. The Department of Revenue Administration held a seminar for new Tax Collectors that I attended to learn the process of tax collection, the lien process and tax deeding. The Fall Convention held at the Red Jacket Inn in Conway, was a joint venture of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Associations of NH. Lectures on topics such as security, customer service, and better collection methods were all informative. During the Town Clerk's portion of the convention, I was asked to serve as co-chairperson of the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Area. This will give me the opportunity to attend executive board meetings, and will benefit the town in receiving information immediately concerning new legislation, procedures, etc.

In June the hours of our office were extended to include remaining open until 6:00 p.m. on Monday. We also will be open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We hope these small changes make it easier for citizens who cannot get it in during traditional hours.

A ten-year-old computer was replaced, enabling both employees in the office to work on compatible programs. This has made it easier to share information and files.

We are looking forward to upgrading the tax program in 1998. Both Eileen and I will be attending a class to ensure we learn the system, allowing us to utilize the program to its fullest.

I want to thank all of you who have made me feel so welcome. If you have any concerns or comments, please feel free to stop by or give me a call.

Respectfully submitted
Betty H. Ramspott
Town Clerk & Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK MONIES:

Auto Registrations:	379,825.00
Boat Registrations:	7,008.88
Dog Licenses:	
Town of Sunapee	1,245.00
State of NH	161.00
Dept. of Agriculture	576.00
Vital Statistics:	
Marriage Licenses	1,102.00
Certified Copies	159.00
Clerk Fees:	
Auto Registrations	17,788.00
Dog Licenses	321.00
UCC Filings	1,406.08
Wetland's Applications	312.93
Vital Statistics	122.00
Marriage Licenses	203.00
Refunds	47.00

Total Remittances: \$ 410,276.89

TAX COLLECTOR MONIES:

LEVY OF 1997

Property Taxes	6,640,680.00
Yield Taxes	11,930.26
Change in Use Taxes	250.00

Property Taxes	7,666.19
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Property Taxes	11,762.59
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 6,672,289.04
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Remittances made to Treasurer - 1997:

Property Taxes	6,130,583.15
Yield Taxes	7,952.90
Change in Use Taxes	250.00
Interest on Property Taxes	7,666.19
Overpayments on Property Taxes	11,762.59

Abatements:

Property Taxes	1,976.00
Yield Taxes	161.25

Uncollected - 12/31/97

Property Taxes	508,120.85
Yield Taxes	3,816.11

TOTAL CREDITS **\$ 6,672,289.04**

LEVY OF 1996

Uncollected - 1/1/97

Property Taxes	665,465.01
Yield Taxes	1,937.38
Change in Use Taxes	4,900.00

Added Taxes - 1997

Water, Sewer, Bond	50,374.49
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Interest Collected on:

Property Taxes	45,418.86
Yield Taxes	3.30

Overpayments Collected on:

Property Taxes	880.89
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TOTAL DEBITS **\$ 768,979.93**

Remittances made to Treasurer - 1997:

Property Taxes	662,268.01
Yield Taxes	1,937.38
Change in Use Taxes	4,900.00
Water/Sewer/Bond	49,791.51

Interest on:

Property Taxes	45,418.86
Yield Taxes	3.30

Overpayments On:

Property Taxes	880.89
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Abatelements:

Property Taxes	3,197.00
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Yield Taxes	
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Water/Sewer/Bond	582.98
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 768,979.93
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SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

1996 TAX LEVY

Taxes Sold to Town – 1997	189,237.37
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Interest & Costs	1,325.52
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 190,562.89
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Remittances Made to Treasurer - 1997

Redemptions	28,898.73
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Interest & Costs	1,325.52
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Uncollected - 12/31/97	160,338.64
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 190,562.89
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1995 TAX LEVY

Uncollected - 1/1/97	241,237.09
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Interest & Costs	23,555.51
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 264,792.60
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Remittances Made to Treasurer - 1997

Redemptions	146,989.40
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Interest & Costs	23,555.51
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Abatelements	498.22
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Uncollected - 12/31/97	93,749.47
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 264,792.60
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1994 TAX LEVY

Uncollected - 1/1/97	142,171.89
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Interest & Costs	45,762.96
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 187,934.85
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Remittances Made to Treasurer - 1997

Redemptions	138,713.70
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Interest & Costs	45,762.96	
Abatements	462.06	
Uncollected - 12/31/97	2,996.13	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 187,934.85

1993 TAX LEVY

Uncollected - 1/1/97	8,242.19	
Interest & Costs	3,648.80	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 11,890.99

Remittances Made to Treasurer - 1997

Redemptions	6,193.09	
Interest & Costs	3,648.80	
Abatements	533.35	
Uncollected - 12/31/97	1,515.75	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 11,890.99

1992 TAX LEVY

Uncollected - 1/1/97	1,335.12	
Interest & Costs	109.78	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 1,444.90

Remittances Made to Treasurer - 1997

Redemptions	774.70	
Interest & Costs	109.78	
Abatements	440.14	
Uncollected - 12/31/97	120.28	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 1,444.90

1991 TAX LEVY

Uncollected - 1/1/97	596.56	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 596.56

Remittances Made to Treasurer - 1997

Redemptions		
Abatements	469.06	
Uncollected - 12/31/97	127.50	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 596.56

1990 TAX LEVY

Uncollected - 1/1/97	805.23		
TOTAL DEBITS		\$	805.23
Remittances Made to Treasurer - 1997			
Redemptions	234.45		
Abatements	448.80		
Uncollected - 12/31/97	121.98		
TOTAL CREDITS		\$	805.23

1989 TAX LEVY

Uncollected - 1/1/97	677.60		
Interest & Costs			
TOTAL DEBITS		\$	677.60
Remittances Made to Treasurer - 1997			
Redemptions	265.55		
Abatements	380.65		
Uncollected - 12/31/97	31.40		
TOTAL CREDITS		\$	677.60

LIBRARY REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

1996 to 1997 Comparisons:

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Statistics		
Circulation:	40,468	36,368
Reference Questions:	2,217	1,410
Patrons:	20,836	19,219
Inter Library Loan:	831	672
Copier:	16,708	14,280
New Registrations:	286	275

Additions to Collection

Adult Fiction:	510	546
Adult Non-fiction:	404	375
Juvenile Fiction:	238	158
Juvenile Non-fiction:	183	120
Video:	53	72
Audios:	90	91
CDs:	32	40
Totals:	1,510	1,402

New Equipment

In January of last year, our computer network system was upgraded from a 486 MGT tower computer with Novell 2.2 to a GEM Apex Pentium 133 with Novell Netware 4.1 system. This includes a file server, 3 workstations, and 2 public search stations. We were able to utilize our old computers as the public search stations. At the same time we updated our Circulation and Catalog software to the latest versions. Updating our equipment has allowed us to incorporate many new software programs which assist in the operation of the library.

In October the library purchased four double-sided 82" stacks in an attempt to accommodate our ever-growing collection of audio books and mystery books. The shorter stacks that were in the Reading Room have been moved downstairs to the History Room and we have moved our 800's (literature) and travel videos to those stacks. In doing this we have eliminated the possibility of using this room as a place to hold meetings or programs.

Friends of the Abbott Library

This group has had another very successful year of fund raising and being a wonderful supportive arm to the library. They have raised \$960.75 from the annual Spring Plant Sale; \$932.81 from the 12th annual Pancake Breakfast; and \$8,929.00 from the membership/fundraising letter.

The members of this group work very diligently and faithfully to help the library purchase equipment, books and related material, and services that are not provided for in our regular budget. This year they have provided for our patrons: Program Coordinator; Cannon StarWrite word processor; Reader's Guide on CD ROM; Annual contribution toward the purchase of additional books; Funds set aside for landscaping on both sides of the front entry; annual contributions to be added to the Certificates of Deposit.

The following is a list of the programs sponsored by the Friends in the past year:

Who controls how and when we die (adult); Making music (children); Steamboat Era on Lake Sunapee (adult); Easter Celebration (children); New Hampshire on skies, past and present (adult); Sunapee's Underwater Treasures (adult); Spoof Gabbling Circus (children); World War II, New Hampshire (adult); Rhymes with Buster Kibbles (children).

We hope you have enjoyed our assortment of programs and look forward to seeing you at the ones coming up in the near future. We welcome any comments or suggestions for a program you would be interested in attending.

A sincere thank you to all the Friends for their work and very special thank you to George and Jean Ogden for their years of organizing and presiding over this Group, they will be retiring as Chairperson and Secretary in January.

Another special thank you to our trustees for all their hours of dedication and for organizing a wonderful group of about 12 Volunteers who are giving 12 hours of service a week. A great job!

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Hand, Director

ABBOTT LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending December 31, 1997

Balance Forward		5.61
Income		
Town Allotment	94,423.81	
Trust Funds	636.28	
Grants	182.00	
Friends of Library Donation	2,000.00	
NH Charitable Trust Fund	75.03	
Copier/Fax Receipts	2,256.66	
Interest Income	133.12	
Non-Resident Members	30.00	
Book Reimbursements	247.67	
Miscellaneous Income	16.70	
		100,001.27
Expenses		
Salaries/Wages	48,482.00	
FICA- Medicare	3,709.18	
Benefits	5,765.18	
Worker/Unemployment Compensation	599.93	
Telephone	1,128.08	
Computer Services	253.00	
Xerox Lease	990.00	
Equipment Repair	39.50	
Electricity	2,066.19	
Heat	750.31	
Water	257.50	
Sewer	220.00	
Repair and Maintenance	1,607.92	
Security	286.00	
Insurance	1,074.14	
Travel	60.00	
Printing	177.00	
Advertising	107.15	
Memberships	205.00	
Office and Computer Supplies	3,968.15	
Postage	436.00	
Furniture	3,272.00	
Books and Materials	24,506.96	
		99,961.19
Ending Balance		45.69

REPORT OF THE TV COMMITTEE

The most significant event of this past year was the sale of TCI-Twin Valley Cable to FrontierVision. We are looking forward to working with the new management to assure that the needs of the town are met. FrontierVision took over the existing contract from TCI. This is a 15-year contract, signed in October, 1991. During the remaining years of the contract, we can expect to continue seeing significant technological progress in the communications industry. For example, the new standard for digital-format high-definition television (HDTV) is scheduled to be phased in by 2006, which happens to be the last year of the existing cable TV contract. As early as this fall, broadcast stations in major cities, including Boston, will begin broadcasting in HDTV format on "second-service" channels. The "first-service" channels (like Channels 4, 5, and 7 in Boston) will continue to broadcast in the old analog format until 2006, and then their frequencies will be released for other uses, and the "second-service" channels will continue. Whether this development represents a challenge to our cable TV provider and how they will be handling this major change in technology is an area in which we will be interested in learning of their plans.

While we are interested in keeping abreast of technological developments, we are also most concerned about meeting the immediate needs of the community. Since our committee was first formed, we have felt that the town could be better served. The major issues have been: unavailability of cable in certain areas of the town, channel offerings, and pricing. The only area in which we have seen any improvement was in channels offered on the system. From the time we started meeting with the former management, they have added the Fox network (Channel 25, Boston), which now gives us access to all six commercial broadcast networks (ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC, UPN, and WB). Also, within the last year or so, they have added several cable channels, including CNBC, MSNBC, Fox News Channel, Animal Planet, and Home & Garden TV, but there are several cable channels, widely offered by other systems, such as A&E and the History Channel, which we still don't receive.

FrontierVision management has expressed a willingness to meet with representatives of the town to address our issues and even to re-negotiate their contract with us. To help us understand the needs of the town, we sent out a brief questionnaire with the December real estate tax bills. We received **449** responses to the survey. The following are some of the significant results:

1. Areas of the Town served

For the question, “*Is cable TV available on your street?*”, we received the following responses:

Yes	282	No	152	Don’t Know	14	No Response	1
	63%		34%		3%		

For the **282** “Yes” responses, we received the following responses to the question, “*If yes, do you subscribe?*”:

Yes	241	No	41	Note: 73% of non-subscribers have satellite dishes
	85%		15%	

For the **152** “No” responses, we received the following responses to the question, “*If no, would you subscribe if available?*”:

Yes	66	No	56	No Response	31
	43%		37%		20%

2. Customer Satisfaction

For the **241** subscribers, we received the following responses to the question, “*If you are a subscriber of cable TV, are satisfied with the...*

...channels?	Yes	142	No	88	No Response	11
		59%		37%		5%
...pricing?	Yes	114	No	107	No Response	20
		47%		44%		8%
...service?	Yes	170	No	37	No Response	34
		71%		15%		14%

We also asked the **241** subscribers, “*Do you want a Sunapee Events local channel?*”, and received the following responses:

Yes	128	No	67	No Response	46
	53%		28%		19%

We appreciate your responses. A complete tabulation of responses is available at the Selectmen’s Office. We feel that this simple survey has revealed that there are some real issues, and we intend to pursue them. We anticipate that our next step will be to work with you, the people of the Town of Sunapee, to develop these issues in greater detail and to work with the management of FrontierVision to address your needs and concerns. A substantial number of respondents to the survey amplified their responses with helpful comments and provided their names, addresses and/or telephone numbers so that we can contact them to work with us. If you would like to be involved, please feel free to contact any one of us to provide your input or to volunteer to work with us.

Douglas Munro, Chairman
William Chalmers
Patricia Brown

TOWN HISTORY FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

This report is intended to inform the citizens of Sunapee about the progress, findings, and recommendations that the Town History Feasibility Study Committee has made with regards to the feasibility of publishing a Town History for our Town.

The Town History Feasibility Study Committee was created by act of the 1997 Town Meeting which approved the following warrant article: "To see if the Town is in favor of establishing a study committee to research the feasibility of the Town of Sunapee publishing a comprehensive history of Sunapee through the year 2000. Said study committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen within thirty days of the date of approval of this article and said committee to report back to the March 1998 Town Meeting with its findings and recommendations for consideration by the 1998 Town Meeting."

In April 1997 the Board of Selectmen appointed the following seven members to the study committee: Ronald Garceau, Norwood Keeney, Janet Ramspott, Priscilla Sargent, Eileen Stiles, and Robert Ward.

The committee held its first meeting in April and has met on a monthly basis since then until November 1997. The committee began its feasibility study by focusing first on the technical and financial part of the feasibility question. Once that part was completed, the committee shifted its focus to the question of local participation in the process of preparing a Town History.

The committee has made a substantial effort to determine the extent of local residents' willingness to actively participate in the process of researching and writing the Town History. First, with the support of the Sunapee Historical Society, the committee sent out a survey questionnaire asking local citizens if they would be willing to help in this effort. Next the committee held a public meeting to inform Sunapee residents about what had been determined on the technical, financial, and organizational side of the matter. Both of these efforts showed substantial support for a Town History.

However, in spite of the support shown by Sunapee residents for a Town History, the committee questions whether there is a sufficient number of Sunapee people who would have both the time and the skills to do the extensive research and historical writing necessary for a locally-written textual Town History. Therefore, the committee recommends a more illustrated type of Town History with the text writing reduced to a more manageable task.

With regard to the technical and financial aspects of the proposed Town History project, the committee recommends the printing of 1500 copies of the Town

History in the illustrated format listed above with the estimated total production cost to be approximately \$35,000. However, with final printing not scheduled until about a year from now, the printing cost of approximately \$10,000 may be deferred until later. Therefore, the committee is recommending that the Town, at the 1998 Town Meeting, only raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the first phase of the Town History project. Additional funds estimated to be in the amount of \$15,000 are expected to be requested next year. This estimated \$35,000 expense will be offset by projected income from the sale of the books. Even the committee's worst case estimate of book sales income versus expense of publication show a net project budget surplus. The warrant article for consideration by the 1998 Town Meeting provides that any surplus funds will be returned to the Town.

In closing, our committee would like to thank all those who have supported this effort to date. With your continued support, Sunapee will publish a Town History in which we can all take pride.

Respectfully submitted

Robert L. Ward

Town History Feasibility Study Committee Chairman

**TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER
REPORT**

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and State Forest Ranger, contact you local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire, are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months were a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols, and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local Fire Departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS
(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

<u>FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY</u>		<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
Belknap	58	Smoking	54
Carroll	96	Debris Burning	261
Cheshire	63	Campfire	99
Coos	29	Power Line	33
Grafton	51	Railroad	3
Hillsborough	145	Equipment Use	23
Merrimack	148	Lighting	14
Rockingham	54	Children	60
Strafford	63	OHRV	0
Sullivan	19	Miscellaneous	130
		Incendiary	33
Total Fire	726	Fireworks	16
Total Acres	177.17		

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas C. Miner, Forest Ranger
Daniel Ruggles, Forest Fire Warden

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During the year of 1997, the Sunapee Fire Department responded to a total of eighty-eight (88) calls and the Sunapee F.A.S.T. Squad answered a total of two hundred twenty-five (225) medical calls.

Once again, the Department thanks everyone for your support and cooperation. Through your donations, we were able to purchase a cold water/ice rescue sled with two new cold water rescue suits, and a new automobile excavation tool. In order to ensure proper and safe operation of both of these items, the members went through several hours of specific training.

The Sunapee Fire Department is a member of the Kearsarge Mutual Aid Pact. This group meets every other month to share information. Sunapee also has mutual aid agreements with other Towns, which are not in the pact. This enables each Town to call on others' resources during an emergency which helps all Towns to keep budgets as low as possible.

Just a reminder – please be sure you have smoke detectors which are operating properly. We all know: **Smoke Detectors Save Lives.**

Also please be sure your house is numbered so that you can be reached quickly in an emergency. It is important that your number is visible from the street.

Respectfully submitted,
Skip Nolin, Chief
Duane Abbott, Dana Ramspott, Dan Ruggles, Deputy Chiefs

REPORT OF NEWPORT AMBULANCE SERVICES

During the period January 1, 1997 through December 15, 1997 this department responded to 61 calls for service in the Town of Sunapee, compared to 68 calls handled calendar 1996.

On December 12 we put our new ambulance into service, replacing a 1984 van. We continue to operate two primary vehicles with a third ambulance available for backup as needed. Our staffing includes two paramedics, six EMT-Intermediates, and seven EMT-Basics. All attendants are certified in use of our cardiac monitor/defibrillator.

State law requires that we transport to the closest appropriate facility for emergency patient care. This means in most cases, New London or Valley Regional hospitals. In certain circumstances, we may transport to Dartmouth Hitchcock, depending on location of the call and nature of the injury or illness.

As the 911 EMS provider for five communities, we will handle over 1,000 emergencies this year. We hope you don't require our services, but you may rest assured that if you should need us, we will respond in a timely and professional manner.

We wish to thank the citizens, and the emergency service providers of Sunapee for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian W. Tracey, Director

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

During 1997 the Sunapee Police Department handled over five thousand calls for service. These calls included motor vehicle violations, parking complaints, animal complaints, domestic violence, juvenile offenses, and major criminal offences such as burglary, thefts, and assaults. A yearly statistical comparison is available upon request at the Sunapee Police Department.

The Police Department continues to apply for grants each year through the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency. This year we also applied for and received a \$10,000 Block Grant through the NH Attorney General's Office. All 1997 grants are explained as follows:

1. **NH Attorney General Block Grant** – This grant request from the Sunapee Police Department included police department members, school administrators, students, parents, and business leaders. A \$10,000 grant was awarded to only one police department in each county in New Hampshire. The Sunapee Police Department was the recipient of this grant that will provide for a police officer in the Middle/high School each week. These sessions will cover all facets of law enforcement such as criminal code, motor vehicle law, domestic violence, patrol activities, radar usage, as well as topics covered by guest speakers representing State Police, fire Marshall's office, County Attorney's Office, Liquor Commission, and other law enforcement agencies. The main goal of this grant is to educate our local youth with a community orientated program while attempting to break down barriers that may exist between local youth and the law enforcement community. This program will continue throughout the 1997-1998 school year and may continue beyond 1998 if funds remain.
2. **In-Cruiser Video System** – Due to the generosity of local businesses, private donations, and monies received by Sunapee Police Department relative to a drug seizure case with State Police on Interstate 89, we were able to purchase our second in-cruiser video system with 50% of the

purchase received from a grant awarded by the NH Highway Safety Agency. This audio and video monitoring of motor vehicle stops and arrests will aid in court prosecution and provide positive documentation of evidence at the time of the roadside incident.

3. **Senior Class Substance Free Celebration** – In our third and final year to acquire a grant for a major portion of the costs of the annual senior class substance free celebration the Police Department received its last grant from NH Highway Safety. Although we are limited to only three grants to our agency for this purpose, the Sunapee Police Department will continue to support this safe and happy activity in every way that we can.

4. **Child Passenger Safety Grant** – For the past several years the Sunapee Police Department has received monies and/or car seats for our on-going loaner program of providing child passenger safety seats to parents, grandparents, or anyone who transports children in their automobile. These seats include infant, toddler, and booster seats that are available at the Sunapee Police Department free of charge to any person.

5. **Youth Alcohol Patrol Grant** – The Sunapee Police Department was the recipient of a 60 hour patrol grant through the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency covering a three month summer period that focuses on apprehending the youth violators with emphasis on alcohol violations such as illegal possession, transportation, and Driving While Intoxicated.

6. **Bicycle Helmets/Elementary School Safety Program** – This is an on-going yearly program funded by the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency that provides Sunapee Police Officers with free bicycle helmets to hand out to elementary school age children in cooperation with the bicycle safety program we present to the children in the spring of each year.

Due to constant changes in law, training remains an important and continuing aspect of police work. Training allows police officers to remain current with these changes and confident in their abilities to deal with difficult situations. This also reduces the associated liability in the performance of our duties. During 1997 Sunapee police officers received training in topics such as firearms, emergency medical response, domestic violence, child passenger safety issues, administrative procedures, and other topics related to our profession.

This year was the first graduating class of the D.A.R.E. (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) program taught by our own police officer Jeffrey Reed. Both fifth and sixth grades received this seventeen-week education program at the elementary school. The program will now be offered to fifth grade students each year. Having a police officer in the elementary school as well as the Middle/high School has proven to be a valuable asset in developing and maintaining a positive relationship with students and faculty.

Due to the generous donation from the Plymouth Police Department, I acquired a "Dictaphone" monitor. This machine is capable of taping both incoming and outgoing radio and telephone traffic at the Police Department, which in the past, we were not capable of doing. We are now able to provide our own audio documentation of calls for service and the preservation of these calls for court presentation and other local uses when needed.

Due to sudden increased cost, the Police Department dispatch services were changed from New London Dispatch to Newport Police Dispatch for a much reduced cost. As a result of this savings we were able to purchase a dispatch console unit for the Sunapee Police Department. We now have full dispatch and paging capabilities and can accept and control up to six base station radios.

Secretary Dawn Famiglietti was chosen to receive training as a child Safety Specialist. The New Hampshire Safe Kids Coalition in cooperation with General Motors Corporation sponsored and paid for all expenses to send Dawn to Orlando, Florida, in March for a four day training seminar. As a result of this training, Dawn is now able to provide training to law enforcement, child care providers, parents, health care workers, automobile dealers, and others who need education on properly installing child safety seats and proper seatbelt use. Congratulations to Dawn for being chosen to represent the State of New Hampshire for this very important safety program!

Officer Aaron Warkentien upgraded his First Responder medical training to E.M.T. (Emergency Medical Technician).

Sgt. Steven Marshall served on the staff for the two week Police Cadet Academy in Nashua, NH, that was sponsored by the New Hampshire Police Association, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Officer Jeffrey Reed is now in his second year of his seventeen week D.A.R.E. program at Sunapee Central Elementary School.

Part-time Officer Jason Byrne attended a one week concentrated firearms training school at the Lethal Force Institute, Concord, New Hampshire.

The Town of Sunapee is fortunate to have such a dedicated police force and I am truly thankful to the residents of Sunapee for allowing me to continue to serve as your Chief of Police. We all strive to provide the best and most professional police service to our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan J. Soucy, Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The winter of 96-97 was mild with average snowfall. From November 13, 1996 to April 9, 1997, we received between 106 inches and 123 inches of snow. We also had several thaws and numerous winter rains, which resulted in the gravel roads becoming soft and rutted. Even though we had these softenings of the road during winter, the mud season, with its associated weakness of the roadbeds, was not severe.

During mid-April, we started our spring operations. The sweeping roads of winter sand and light grading of gravel roads was interrupted by numerous spring rains and was completed during May. We also had a granite curb installed around the perennial Memorial Garden at Sunapee Harbor. The cleaning of catch basins and painting of road markings was slowed by rainy weather but was completed by early June. Complete road grading, rolling, and treating gravel roads was started in May and continued through June. During June we also started our drainage repairs and miscellaneous pavement repairs.

During July we started our shimming program with work on North Road, Prospect Hill Road, Cross Road, Birch Point Road, Birch Point Lane, and Lovejoy Lane. We continued our drainage repairs and had to regrade many of the gravel roads because of hard rains. This year we subcontracted the roadside mowing due to unreliability and old age of our mower.

In August we continued shimming plus doing drainage repairs. We also continued with road grading. We made extensive repairs (a new cutoff wall) to Otter Pond Dam. During September, we installed a layer of recycled asphalt pavement on Chase Street after the Water Department had installed a new water main. In order to allow for complete trench settlement, this road will be repaved in 1998. The first half of October was devoted to hauling winter sand. The latter part of the month we started grades ditching, where as most of the leaves had fallen. The race to clean all the ditches before the first substantial snowfall was lost on November 14th when we received almost a foot of snow.

Should you have any questions regarding policy or procedures of the Highway Department, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Anthony Bergeron, Road Agent

REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION

The year 1997 ended with an overall increase of trash received, of 79 tons or 3.1%. Combustible materials sent to the Claremont incinerator increased by 16 tons or 1.1%. Non-combustible, non-recyclable materials sent to the Bethlehem landfill increased by 92 tons or 17.2%. Materials removed from the waste stream and recycled decreased by 29 tons or 4.9%. This is the second year in a row that we have had a decrease in recycling and it is discouraging news. Your participation is essential to making recycling work and results in lower operating costs and better environmental conservation and protection.

In 1998 we plan to implement the actual closure of the old landfill. This will necessitate moving operations conducted in this area prior to the closure procedure. The location of the metal separations, brush and compost areas, and the open top container will move to the area north of the compactor and recycling location. This may also result in a change of traffic direction.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding operations at our facility, please do not hesitate to contact one of the staff or me.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Anthony Bergeron, Road Agent

TRANSFER/RECYCLING STATION HOURS

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday
8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Closed
Tuesday and Wednesday

SUNAPEE FACILITY DECALS

A decal is necessary to gain access to Dewey Beach, Georges Mills Beach and the Transfer Recycling Station. The decals expire each October 1st, and are available at the Town Hall Selectmen's Office. All Sunapee Taxpayers are entitled to one decal for each vehicle, when the registration is presented. All Sunapee residents are entitled to a decal when a rent receipt or lease agreement, along with the vehicle registration is presented. The decals should be placed on the driver's side front bumper. The registration number on the decal must match the vehicle's plates. Temporary decals are available for short term renters and out of Town contractors. Springfield residents, who also use the transfer station, have decals which are issued from the Springfield Town Office.

Beginning October 1, 1995, the Board of Selectmen instituted a fee for any materials placed in the open-top container. The tickets necessary for placing materials in this container are available at the Selectmen's Office. Brochures explaining the fee schedule and the materials covered are also available at the Selectmen's Office.

The Town of Sunapee adopted an Ordinance at the Annual Meeting March 12, 1985 (amended March 1989 and 1990) covering our Transfer/Recycling Facility. Copies are available at the Town Office.

NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT 1997 Year End Report

1997 saw many changes for both the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District and the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District. Most notably, a concerted effort was made during the budget process for fiscal year 1998 to lower the tipping fee and create an economic incentive for delivery of trash from the member towns to the incinerator. This effort recognizes the dual obligation of the Districts – to ensure responsible management of the trash generated within the Districts, and to also meet their financial obligations. In the absence of a single, unified approach to guaranteeing delivery of trash for energy recovery by the Claremont plant, increasing the economic incentives for haulers to voluntarily deliver the trash was the next best tool available to us.

Several operational changes were also made during 1997. The most significant change occurred at the landfill in Newport, New Hampshire. In early December, additional tarps were placed on the open surfaces of the landfill. Leachate results from rainwater running through the body of the landfill, and covering the surface of the landfill is anticipated to significantly reduce the amount of leachate. It is

anticipated that this will result in substantial savings for the collection, transportation and disposal of the leachate.

The year has been similar to many others, however, with regard to legal activities. During 1997 a substantial amount was spent on legal services, but the outcome will benefit all the members of each District. The single most significant issue to be resolved this year was the Acworth case. The New Hampshire Superior Court has determined that Acworth failed to properly withdraw from the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District, and is therefore still a member. A trial is set for early February 1998 to determine the calculation of damages, which is the single remaining issue.

Looking toward the future, the Districts have successfully reduced the operating budget for 1998 by approximately 28%, down to \$3.17 million from \$4.4 million for 1997. This was largely due to the retirement of bonds and other non-recurring obligations. A new collections and credit management policy has been approved, which will be implemented with the new year and it is anticipated to be helpful in recovering significant portions of the existing receivables. Every effort continues to be made to find ways to minimize the costs and remain fiscally responsive to the Districts.

On a more personal note, the last six months have been a professional pleasure for me. The collaborative spirit of the Towns has been both refreshing and motivating. The challenges that remain are significant, but the opportunities for resolution make the challenges exciting. I would like to specifically thank the members of the Executive Committee and the individual representatives for their support, cooperation, and encouragement, and I look forward to working together during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. S. Williams
Project Director

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In opening I would like to congratulate Tim Mulder, our Wastewater Plant Chief Operator, for receiving the New England Water Environmental Association's Operator of the Year.

This past year the Water and Sewer Department has had a very busy year with some changes and improvements.

The Water Department had the most changes. The Georges Mills pump station was completed. It has radon removal; a new 250,000 gallon water tank which will help with fire protection; and a new 12" water main with 4 new fire hydrants and valves from the pump station up Prospect Hill Road to the water tank. The users in Georges Mills have been enjoying well water since the wells went on line on October 6, 1997.

In Sunapee the construction of the Slow Sand Filtration Plant is well on its way. The plant is located at the top of Harbor Hill with a new raw water main from the River Road pump station to Harbor Hill, which has already been completed. The plant is scheduled to be online in June of 1998.

I'm happy to say that the water meter installation is also complete. We can now start collecting meter reading data for the next 18 months. This will enable the Water Department to use usage history to set the rates for meter billing in 1999. Unfortunately this is part of the process. We are sorry for an inconvenience that this project may have caused you.

Besides overseeing the three major projects, the Department has also installed 2000 feet of 8" water main up Chase Street to complete a much-needed loop from Route 11 to High Street. We also maintain our daily routine of repairs of curb stops, water mains, and services with the plastic summer water line being the most troublesome.

The collection system was able to repair, lower or raise 52 manholes which will be a yearly project. We also inspected 16,500 feet of sewer line with a TV camera, tested 49 joints, sealed 51 cracks and/or holes, and flushed about 13,000 feet of sewer line. We also have been busy with the upkeep and maintenance of our 13 sewer pump stations, which is an ongoing project itself.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant has seen some changes with the repair of the oxidation ditch. We did some valving and pipe work on the two ditches so to give the Chief Operator more flexibility in operating the system. There was also some landscaping at the plant and a garage (16' x 22') that was donated by Mr. Usko (he lives on Lake Ave in Georges Mills). The garage will be used as a storage building for the Water and Sewer Departments supplies.

In closing, I would like to extend an open invitation to all Town residents to come and view the Wastewater Treatment Plant and ask any questions that you may have about the Water and Sewer Department.

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Brennan, Water and Sewer Superintendent

KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING REPORT

The Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc., a non-profit organization, was founded in July 1992. We serve people fifty-five years of age and older in nine area Towns: Andover, Danbury, Grafton, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, and Wilmot. We promote, develop, and reinforce programs, which support and enhance the health, well being, dignity, and independence of senior adults.

Our basic services continue to grow. 1997 shows increases in volunteers provided rides, assistance with small home repairs, supportive daily phone contact with the home bound, friendly visits with seniors in their homes, intergenerational assistance with reading programs in local schools, referral to appropriate resources to answer the needs of our clients. Our monthly newsletter reports these and other services to keep our members informed.

Social, educational, and recreational gatherings included our annual Valentine Luncheon, Mountain Day, The Shaker Experience, and the Christmas Reception. Granite State Stories discussions were held at the Tracy Library in New London led by Dr. Patrick Anderson of Colby Sawyer funded by NH Humanities Council. Conversations with Lunch coordinated with Community Action Program were held monthly and highlighted by the annual picnic held at Muster Field Farm in Sutton. A new program, "Outdoor Recreation for Seniors" featured biking, kayaking, hiking, an overnight at Camp Coniston, and many more activities. **"Walk Your Way through winter" resulted in sixty members walking over 2000 miles in a five-month period.**

Our move to 12 Newport Road, New London in December 1996 brought the opportunity to expand our services and activities for our membership and made 1997 a banner year for COA. Our monthly newsletter carried a Calendar of Events to keep members informed of these expanded services. 1997 activities in our Program Center included Exercise Classes, Bridge Lessons, Quilting for Babies at Risk, Paint with peers, Friday at the Movies, Dominoes, Library, Blood Pressure Screening, Flu Shot, Tax Assistance, Art Show & Receptions w/ members work displayed, Let's Talk Program; a series of discussions concerning nutritional, emotional, financial, and societal matters was conducted in the Center. **In a major undertaking 140 members have received training on the Introduction to Computers courses.**

There are **1453** members of COA of which **152** are Sunapee residents. Over the last twelve months **20** volunteers have given **787.50 hours** of their time to help provide the services of COA to our communities.

Financial support from Sunapee and other area Towns account for approximately 20% of our required funds. We are asking that \$1575.00 be included as an item in the Sunapee Town Budget for 1998 to sustain our growth of services, programs, and activities for senior adults.

We are deeply grateful to Sunapee and other area Towns along with donors to our fund drive, foundation grants, advertisers in our newsletter, and individual clients for past and future financial assistance.

Our very special thanks to those dedicated volunteers who give so selflessly of their time and talent. Without them there is no COA.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Bradley
Chairman of the Board

SCHOOL-TO-WORK REPORT

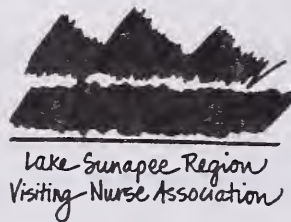
School-to-Work is a nationwide effort to business people, community members, and school systems working together to make sure students receive the skills they need to be successful adults in the future. The Sugar River Partnership is our local School-to-Work organization.

Working with Sunapee businesses, community groups, and individuals, the partnership helps Sunapee students assess their talents and interests, helps them to get the training that they need, helps to ensure that classes are taught in a way that brings meaning to the students, and helps teachers remain in touch with the requirements of the workplace of the 1990's. Students are involved in community service, internships in the workplace, career exploration activities, and mentorship with adults. Adults work with students to tell them about their careers, to assist in practicing interviewing techniques, to work on how to fill out job applications, and to deal with the realities of adulthood.

The School-to-Work effort enlists the help of the whole Sunapee community to make sure our students learn what they need to be successful. Please contact us to see how you can become involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia H. Feeney
School-to-Work Coordinator
(603) 863-3759

Lake Sunapee Home
Care and Hospice
Lake Sunapee Community
Health Services



Service provided to people of Sunapee

Home Health Care for those recovering from an illness or injury:

Visits made: 4,013 to 56 patients

Hospice Care for patients and families experiencing a terminal illness:

Visits made: 412 to 5 patients

Community Clinics for adults, for immunizations and other wellness programs:

Patients served: 252

Long-term care for chronically ill adults and children needing support services:

Hours of Service: 7,794 to 21 patients

Maternal and Child Health for children and families needing newborn care, well child clinic and parenting support:

Families served: 42

School-age Child Care for families needing after school and summer day care:

Families Served: 40

Lake Sunapee Region VNA is proud of its tradition of providing quality home health care to people in your community. 1997 has been a year of change for home health care. Medicare reports of fraud and abuse leave us wondering how we as consumers can know whether we're dealing with a quality organization. We are served by a volunteer Board of Trustees who, with staff, continually monitor our performance internally. Externally, licensing, certifying and accrediting bodies assess our performance against state and federal standards regularly. Most of all, we have committed, competent and caring staff and volunteers out in the community each day of the year providing needed home care.

Our affiliation with New London Hospital and Capital Region Health Care has allowed us to care for patients and families more efficiently and to access opportunities for achieving cost savings as part of a larger delivery system.

16 VNA employees, Trustees, Billie Barry, James Elliott and Leicester H. Sherrill, Jr. and many volunteers live in Sunapee. As the health care delivery system and insurance benefits continue to evolve and change we are more dependent than ever on the loyal support of the towns we serve to enable us to provide free and subsidized care to those people who might not have access to care otherwise. Thank you for your continued support.



Joint Commission
an Accreditor of Healthcare Organizations

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea F. Steel

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SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (SCEDC)

The following is a report on the activities of the SCEDC for the year 1997.

Highlights:

- A. Access and financing of a new 9,000 sq. foot manufacturing facility in Charlestown for Optical Solutions, Inc. This is a hi-tech firm specializing in the production of high-end optics. The project creates 15 new positions for Sullivan County.
- B. The creation of project "Clearinghouse" represents the County's attempt at accessing more and better qualified employees to meet the growing demands of the local business'. This process gives local industry access to the Department of Defense's Webb site seeking 'discharged' personnel from the armed forces
- C. SCEDC has been successful in joining seven area banks together to agree to finance 'high risk' projects within the County. This pool of money is currently funded at \$650,000.
- D. SCEDC's Business Assistant Coordinator has finished surveys with about 70% of the County's business'. The results to-date reveal the creation of 430 new positions and the addition of another 101,000 sq. feet of taxable facilities.
- E. We have filed a Community Development Block grant for the Claremont Foundry, Inc. in the amount of \$450,000 to add electric generating equipment and add another 47 jobs at the Foundry.
- F. Secured the pertinent information and assisted in the Community Development Block Grant process with the Town of Charlestown to access a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to fund the construction of a new access road into CEDA Park. This is backed by the support of both Precision Assembly Corporation and Design Standards Incorporated who pledged future job creation and plant expansions to meet the leverage needs of the grant process.
- G. Our referrals and coordination with the Small Business Development Officer which SCEDC funds here in our office has worked with more than 40 new and developing business' within the County. Many of them will eventually come in for financial assistance or advice from SCEDC.

- H. SCEDC continues to work with the Trout Lily Co-op project in Newport. We believe that this project has great merit and tremendous potential for the intended service area. It is also our intent to apply for another Community Development Block Grant to aid this group in its start-up financing needs during 1998.
- I. During 1997, SCEDC worked with over 22 new, expanding and interested businesses make determination on the future directions of their companies as they affect Sullivan County. Some of those will expand here or locate here and some will never finalize.

Our Efforts in accessing good paying jobs and the creation of additional tax base seems to be paying off. Best wishes for a Prosperous New Year.

Stephen A. Marro, CMC, EDFP
Executive Director

REPORT OF THE SUNAPEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Town Manager called the other day to ask if I had written up the minutes of our last Commission meeting. (I had not.) I was embarrassed, but a little flattered, because I hadn't realized until then that anyone ever read them. Likewise, I'd taken it for granted that nobody ever read the Town Report either, but perhaps I'm wrong about that, too, and about some other things as well.

A glance back at the last ten years' worth of Conservation Commission reports reveals a certain sameness. Indeed, much that we do from year to year involves the same kinds of concerns; we implement and enforce, at the local level, the various NH Wetlands Bureau rules, rules whose purpose is to protect the main lake and its complex watershed. With every passing year, as development continues to burgeon, assaults on these vital resources become more severe.

And yet every year has its new and unique features, and this report will touch first on some of them.

The forest management firm we have retained – Kear-Wood of Wilmot – is nearing completion of its survey of the Town's 459 acres of forest tracts. The largest of these are the Ledge Pond lots, the Dewey Woods lots, Tyler/Bartlett lots, the Treatment Plant lots, and the Flint/Webb lots. Through this survey, and the resulting recommendations, we will ascertain the most prudent and profitable way to manage and utilize these assets. One result of the survey has been the discovery that certain private structures have been built on Town property, and the Town is currently negotiating equitable arrangements with the landowners

involved. Some of the cost of these surveys will be covered by funds derived from previous timber sales.

Taxpayers who use Dewey Beach may have noticed that the stream, which marks the northern end of the beach, was diverted in such a way as to shorten the usable Town waterfront by approximately twenty-five feet. (25') With the persistent help of the Town Manager, the log dam was removed, and the beach area restored.

A Commission member has begun to meet regularly with the LSPA committee particularly concerned with watershed protection. Lake Sunapee's watershed includes not only the many streams which enter the Lake, (there are 52 of them) but also the wetlands and ponds whose water eventually finds its way to Lake Sunapee itself, and the Sugar River which drains it. The pollutants, which downgrade these waters, are mostly well known and identified. Chief among them are faulty septic systems, road salt, siltation from construction sites, fertilizers from lakeside lawns, effluent from boat toilets, farm runoff, and petroleum from boat motors. Mr. John Taylor, the LSPA water quality steward, deserves much kudos for his efforts in this area. He has applied for and received federal grant monies for his projects, and is currently seeking a continuation of this important government support.

Closely related to the matter of water quality are the rules governing the cutting of trees on lakefront properties. There are both Town and State regulations about such cutting, since trees and their root systems provide vital filtration of groundwater as it percolates toward the lakes and ponds. These rules are publicized, but the Commission feels that they are not publicized enough, since landowners often make illegal cuttings before they hear about the rules. Currently we are placing a brief summary of waterfront regulations in the envelopes with the tax bills. In addition we are trying to require real estate agents to inform buyers of the rules before a sale is made, so that new waterfront landowners cannot claim ignorance.

I suppose it is not customary, in the traditionally dry language of Town Reports, to use such words as "scofflaw", but the fact is that we do have a scofflaw problem in our Town. In fact, judging from the conversations some of us have had with other Commissioners at our annual meeting, the scofflaw problem is widespread. There are individuals, as it turns out, who, knowing full well what the law requires, go ahead with illegal projects, often without bothering to apply for a permit. Unfortunately for the Commission and the Town, the enforcement support we get from the State of New Hampshire is glacially slow in coming. The Commission, it must be understood, has no power, and we rely on higher authority to back us up once we have described the violations. We are told that

we should be squeakier wheels, and that we should be patient, but in 1997 our experience has been frustrating in the extreme.

And finally, we will make our annual plea to landowners and contractors. **Please** let a Commissioner know that you are planning a wetlands-related project **the very day** that you submit your application, so that we can start the approval process with all possible speed. The process takes long enough as it is; let's not cause it to take any longer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Burdett, Sunapee Conservation Commission

NEW PERMIT SYSTEM

In the past, Sunapee has sent out **Inventory of Taxable Property Forms** in early spring. After reviewing the benefits received from the use of Inventories vs. the cost involved and noting that the State is revaluing all properties in the Town this year, the Board of Selectmen voted to discontinue the use of Inventories for 1998.

Instead, the Town has revamped its Zoning permit system to learn of significant changes to a property. We are requesting that anyone who is going to make interior improvements in excess of \$1000 fill out a permit with the Town so that we can track the changes made. This is in addition to the already established permits required for any other reason.

This new system will have a year trial period and then the Board of Selectmen will review its effect to decide if the Inventory system needs to be reinstated. Michael Marquise, the Planning and Zoning Administrator, will not be accepting any old permit forms after March 15, 1998.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

This year, the Planning Board has submitted three amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for your consideration:

Proposed Amendment No. 1: There has been much discussion recently focusing on the fact that our zoning ordinance does not properly address the issue of dwelling unit density. Even though our current ordinance regulates minimum lot size, multiple dwelling units could be allowed on one lot if the proposal satisfies all of the requirements covered by Site Plan Review. This amendment provides for maximum densities in all Districts as per the following:

District I (including Overlay IV)	1 dwelling unit/10,000 ft
District II (including Overlay IV)	1 dwelling unit/1.0 acre
District III (including Overlay IV)	1 dwelling unit/1.5 acres

(The Planning Board voted in favor of the passage of this amendment, 3 in favor, 1 opposed.)

Proposed Amendment Nos. 2 & 3: Amendment 2 provides a definition for a Temporary Structure which is lacking in the current zoning ordinance, and amendment 3 adds Temporary Structure as a minor installation within the definition of a Structure. These amendments will establish guidelines for the placement of temporary structures regarding size and length of time. (The Planning Board voted in favor of the passage of these amendments, 4 in favor, 0 opposed.)

Revised Master Plan: The members of the Planning Board have reviewed all of the sections of the new Master Plan along with the help of a number of related Town committees and departments. Our planner, Michael Marquise, has done a magnificent job of putting the entire document into its final form and has created masterfully detailed maps and other supporting documentation. We hope to have the final public hearing for the new Master Plan this spring.

One of the recommendations of the new Master Plan calls for the development of “use” zoning with defined appropriate uses for each district or zone in Town. Currently, the zoning ordinance is primarily “dimensional” with minimum lot sizes, setbacks, maximum lot coverage, etc., but without defined uses. The Planning Board will be working on a proposal for “use” zoning over the next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Everett Pollard, Chairman

REPORT OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Sunapee ZBA has just completed its tenth year of service. Set up in 1987, when the Town adopted the First Zoning Ordinance, the Board's mission is to provide relief from land use laws when necessary and appropriate. The process begins when a citizen completes an application for a Certificate of Compliance for a building permit. If the proposed project does not meet the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, the Zoning Administrator will advise the applicant that he or she must modify the project to comply, or appeal to the ZBA for a Variance or Special Exception.

Governed by carefully crafted State and Local guidelines, the ZBA holds public hearings to determine whether to grant or deny requests for Special Exceptions or Variances. Special Exceptions are part of the Zoning Ordinance and set forth specific conditions under which relief from a particular restriction may be granted. Variances are appeals for relief from all of the other restrictions in the Ordinance not covered by Special Exceptions. There are five criteria that must be satisfied before the Board can grant a Variance.

The Board consists of five elected members, and up to four appointed alternatives who serve when members are absent. Members and alternates spend significant time preparing for hearings, visiting sites, participating in meetings and attending the Spring and Fall Law Lecture series in order to stay abreast of the latest changes and interpretations of the land use laws.

During 1997, there were 94 applications for **Certificates of Compliance** (building permits), and of these 20 were brought before ZBA. 16 cases were approved; these included 15 Special Exceptions and 1 Special Conditions. Denial included three requests for Variances; one request for a Variance was determined to be a natural expansion of the existing building which did not require a Variance.

The Zoning Board needs more members. Please volunteer your services. Remember, good government starts with citizen involvement. Please call Mr. Marquise or Mr. Wheeler at the Town office for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Price
ZBA Chairman (Acting)

1997 PLANNING/ZONING PERMITS

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

Total Applications	94
Additions to Existing Homes	32
Garages, Storage Buildings	27
New Single-Family Homes	22
Signs	4
Municipal Structures	5
Commercial	1
New Two-Family Structures/Apartments	3

PLANNING BOARD

	Total	Approved Requests	Pending	Withdrawn
Subdivisions	17	14	2	1
Site Plans	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Cases	<u>27</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

ZONING BOARD

	Total	Approved Requests	Denied	Natural Expansion
Special Conditions	1	1	0	0
Special Exceptions	16	16	0	0
Variances	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Requests	<u>21</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

OTHER PERMITS

Tree Cutting Requests (within 150' of a Great Pond):

Number of Requests/Number of Trees 22/54

Driveway Permits: 15

Erosion Control/Land Disturbance: 12

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grant-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and Regional Projects, such as household hazardous waste collections and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Study, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

Thanks are due to both the Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures for their continued support. In New Hampshire, the Department of Environmental Services and the regional planning commissions are putting together a statewide environmental program which will require that certain specific tasks be completed in every region, but also allows some funds to be used on regional environmental priorities. Details are still being worked out. A work plan will be finalized in early 1998. This is great news! It enables our Commission to continue to our commitment to environmental programs. In addition to providing staff support to the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley, we were able to secure funds to develop a two-page economic summary for each Town which will be posted on the Internet. In 1998, each community in the Region will have an Internet presence via our web page with community information, economic data, a map, statistics and an economic vision statement.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Sunapee residents have taken advantage of some of these services.

In 1997, our work specifically for the Town of Sunapee included:

- Assessed environmental impacts of the transportation enhancement project along Lower Main Street.
- Applied for funds to continue work with Lake Sunapee Protective Association on water quality issues.

- Researched techniques used for watershed studies in other New England states for applicability to Lake Sunapee watershed.
- Organized a regional household hazardous waste collection and arranged for participation of Sunapee residents.
- Developed scope of work and provided administrative and staff support for Lake Sunapee Cultural and Scenic Byway. Interpretative signs are being developed for the tourist information center and Harbor.
- Applied for funds to assist water suppliers in identifying technical assistance needs relative to protection of current and future water supply sources.
- Participate in SPNHF Advisory Committee working to design a state program for assisting water suppliers with protection of land within a water supply area.
- Obtained and processed data to develop town-wide composite GIS soil type map and plotted a copy for the Town
- Maintained geographic information system data for Sunapee.
- Provided information on the definition of subdivision and application of density requirements to the Planning Board.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Sunapee in the coming year.

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

32	Sub-surface Septic Test Holes and Design Reviews	110	Hours
3	Sub-division Soil and Percolation Tests	28	“
13	Sub-surface Leaching System Tests	57	“
7	Water Quality Tests	14	“
8	Foster or Day Care Examinations	18	“
7	Failing or Suspected Leaking Septic Examinations	34	“
3	Animal Bite Occurrences	4	“
6	Rental Housing Examinations and Complaints	39	“

Total Hours		304	

Respectfully submitted,
 John W. Wiggins, Heath Officer

REPORT OF THE SUNAPEE HYDRO ELECTRIC STATION

1997 was a good average year of production, data for which can be found elsewhere in the Town Report. We had a lot of activity throughout the year in maintenance projects:

1. New insulators were installed by PSNH on our transmission lines between the plant and their distribution lines on Route 103B.
2. Extensive painting, interior and exterior, at the plant building.
3. A new safety grate installed upstream of the Town dam waste gate.
4. The NH Department of Fish and Game took over the operation of the Wendall Marsh dam and installed new functional gates.
5. The NH DES installed three new gates at the Lake Sunapee Dam in the harbor next to the Harbor Falls Deli.
6. Our Highway Department crew did an excellent job of repairing/rebuilding of the dam at Otter Pond to fix an undermining problem there.

This year we will be initiating a lobbying effort for our Selectmen to authorize a portion of our production to be allocated to a local scholarship fund as promoted annually by the Granite State Hydro Association.

Again, thank you for your continued support of this project.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Atkinson
Charles Boyce
Joe Adams

HYDRO FUND RECAPITULATION

Balance as of January 1, 1997	270,818.33
Income:	
PSNH	253,843.20
Interest	13,596.02
Expenses – Operating and Debt	129,516.63
Balance as of December 31, 1997	<u>\$ 408,740.92</u>

SUNAPEE RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Sunapee Recreation Committee has continued to provide more diverse quality programming that support the needs of the Town (to include youth, adult and senior citizen programming). Our goal as always is to provide a complete recreational program that will enhance the value of sportsmanship and good play for youth and adult community members and consider other programming opportunities for senior citizens.

We have been working in concert with the Lions Club to finish the project in spring of '98 and their support and guidance have been crucial in providing another venue for Town activity. Any donations to this project should be directed to the Sunapee Lions Club.

1997-98 WINTER ACTIVITIES

Christmas in our Town was coordinated this year by the Recreation Committee with the Christmas Tree Lighting in the Harbor and the Methodist Church. It was a memorable event to the 125+ persons that attended. Thanks to Ellie Goddard, the Harbor Falls Deli, Sandy Rowse, the Time Travelers for caroling, the Fire Department, the Methodist Church and especially to "Santa" who provided numerous children with the opportunity to express their wishes at this very special time of year. **Skating** just off Route 11 is currently in process and we are in process with making the warming hut "warm". We want to thank the Fire Department for their efforts in flooding the space. We are also planning a **cross country ski/snowshoe** outing in Webb Forest in the near future and hope to consider some other events that will be open to the public throughout the year. Senior citizens have been enjoying the ability to **walk indoors** when the school is not using the surface and we want to thank Bob Gray at the High School for his support. **Adult Volleyball** is a continuous happening every Tuesday and Friday night from 7-9 pm at the High School Gym...please feel free to come join in on the fun. **Adult Indoor Soccer** is still in process...check with Chuck Weinstein if you would like to join. **Basketball** is very much alive in Sunapee! The Sunapee Elementary Grade Basketball Program reports seventy-seven (77) elementary children participating in the 1997-1998 Quad Valley Recreational Basketball Program. There were two 3rd/4th grade boys teams coached by Ken Adams and Heather Downey. The single 3rd/4th grade girls team was coached by Steve Whitehead. There were two 5th/6th grade boys teams coached by Jay Harvey and David Gibbons. There were two 5th/6th grade girls teams coached by Deb Shapiro and Crystal Bolduc. Crystal's experience also served as her senior class project. The Committee wants to thank the coaches and the many other volunteers who assisted as refs, scorekeepers and gym supervisors. Everyone's support and assistance again made the programs highly successful. **Sunapee Squirt Basketball Program** was again spearheaded by Rob Simpson who with a host of parents encouraged some thirty (30) kindergarten through second grade boys and

girls to participate in a six week session of skill-building and fun play experience. **Open Gym Program** is again in full swing this winter with over fifty (50) young people in grades 4-12 participating on Saturday nights at the David W. Sherburne gymnasium. The program runs from December until March with each age group having specific times to play. Program participants are allowed to simply shoot baskets or take part in more organized pickup games and contests. As with all recreation programs this activity could not succeed without the help of the adult supervisor, who once again, made the program successful. Dean Larperter was the driving force behind the new **Adult Drop-in Basketball Program** running early every Sunday Morning which is just up and running. For some fun and exercise in the process stop in for pick-up games open to all.

1997 SUMMER AND FALL ACTIVITIES

Dewey and Georges Mills Beaches ran smoothly this year thanks to the help of all personnel and our new beach manager Kathy Bochko. The two sessions of learn to swim program was once again very popular. Both beaches were staffed and we made some significant improvements in the appearance of Dewey with a swing set for the younger children and new flower pots, etc. Thanks to the Touchette family for their support of the concessions. Many townspeople enjoyed **Tennis** this summer at Burkehaven's two tennis courts. Thanks to Dot and Bill Reilly for making this possible. The Recreation Committee also sponsored two weeks of junior tennis camps as well as adult clinics and a round robin. **Adult Volleyball** ran all summer and fall two nights a week, sometimes outside at the High School and inside when time permitted around the school schedule. **First Annual "Teddy Bear Picnic"** held at Sunapee Harbor was a big success. Many thanks to local businesses and volunteers that made the event possible. The day included a boat ride, music, a teddy bear parade, picnics, face painting, and free lemonade and ice cream. **Soccer** is very "alive and well" in Sunapee as summer saw the involvement of boys and girls 15 years and up in the Claremont League for Girls and Division IV for boys. Thanks to the girls coach – Lyndsey Currier and Jack Iacopino these teams played some very competitive soccer. During July, Sunapee Recreation hosted a one week soccer camp for first through 6th graders put on by the Dartmouth College program. The program emphasized the teaching of basic and advanced skills to help develop children at all levels of play. We had forty (40) participants during a great week in July at the high school. Fall provides the **Squirt Program** for children in multi-age through sixth grade in age appropriate groups every Saturday morning – this program teaches the basic skills to younger players and was coached by Jim Parsons and numerous assistants. The 3rd through 6th graders played in game like situations and were coached by Marc St. Laurent and other volunteers. **Two Travel Teams** played some competitive games and traveled to other Towns in the Merrimack Valley League. The 3rd and 4th grade teams were coached by Steve McGrath, Ann Webb, Jeff Trow, and Marcia Whitehead. The 5th and 6th grade teams were coached by Van Webb, Bonnie Cruz, and Deb Shapiro. This

year for the first time Sunapee hosted one of the season ending 5th and 6th grade tournaments, a good time for all involved. We would like to extend special thanks to our referees during the MVSL season – Mary Grant and Matt Shea for doing a terrific job. **Adult Indoor Soccer** was run by Chuck Weinstein and we thank him for his organization and support. All of our soccer programs are coached by volunteers and parents. These programs are special because these wonderful people have given so freely of their time and effort. Thank you again for another terrific year. We would like to ask for more volunteers so that we can continue to provide every child in Sunapee with an opportunity to participate in this great sport.

1997 SPRING EVENTS

The Recreation Committee participated in the first **Health Fair** this spring and used this opportunity to survey the public to better understand the needs of the public and promote more meaningful programming along these line. **Spring Soccer** for the 12-14 year olds doubled in numbers to forty (40) people who had an opportunity to play competitive soccer in the Twin State Soccer League. These teams played from April through June on weekends with Jack Iacopino coaching the boys and Shannon Boisvert with assistance from John Gosselin coaching the girls. **Softball** program this spring provided thirty-four (34) girls the opportunity to play ball in the Sunapee Softball Program for grades 3 through 6. The combined 3rd and 4th grade team was coached by Deb Shapiro and the combined 5th and 6th grade team was coached by Dana Ramspott. **Baseball** programs continued to flourish this spring and provide many of our youth with some wonderful opportunities. Over twenty (20) children, ages 5-7, participated in the **T-ball** Program to begin their experience with some quality instruction from Shaun Carroll. **Little League** sported a record high ninety-eight (98) Sunapee area children (ages 7-12) who participated in the Kearsarge Valley Little League Baseball program. There were three farm teams this year: Jeff Trow coached the Raiders, Rob Simpson coached the Sharks, and Dan Hubbard coached the Bears. **Minor League** program returned several experienced coaches in Joe Walsh and Tom Perron of the Mariners, and Steve Whitehead and Gary Szalucka of the Athletics. Both teams finished second in their respective minor league divisions – the Mariners bowed out of the playoffs in the semi-finals while the Athletics lost to Grantham in the finals. At the **Major League** level the Orioles, coached by Don Parrish and Rob Deardon, gained valuable experience. Special thanks to Don who has assisted us by coaching the Orioles for the past two years even though he no longer has children in the program. The Astros were coached again by Nick Memole, and they finished third in the regular season and bowed out of the league playoffs in the finals to Grantham. Noteworthy to mention in the league is that Sunapee is the only Town in the league that supports two major level teams. Seven (7) Sunapee players represented the Kearsage Valley North Team in the third annual Kearsage Valley Youth Baseball Tournament. The tournament is hosted by the entire KVLL and

held at the New London Outing Club. Four (4) Sunapee players represented the entire KVLL in the Youngsville Tournament held outside of Manchester, NH. The KVLL team finished 4th out of twelve (12) teams. 1997 was the first year **Sunapee Babe Ruth** played in the Connecticut Valley Babe Ruth League. The schedule took some getting used to, as both teams played from mid-June through the last week in July. This allowed Junior Varsity players from the High School to participate in a wide variety of competition. Fifteen (15) young people played on the 13-year-old Prep Babe Ruth team, coached by Mike Mark and Mike Sharkey. The 14 to 15-year-old Team was managed again by Scott McKenney, with assistance from Buzz Barrett, Marty Perkins, and Bob Saindon. This team also had fifteen (15) players and finished second in the CVL regular season and bowed out in the semi-finals of the playoffs. Sunapee was represented by Nick McKenney, Brandon Stocker, and Topher Young in the Babe Ruth District All-Star Tournament. Sunapee was also represented in the 14-year-old Jimmy Fund All-Star Tournament by Joey Perkins and Justin Jacobs. Thanks again to all the many volunteer coached, umpires, drivers, etc. along with the players and their supportive parents for continuing Sunapee's outstanding youth baseball tradition.

Committee Thanks to many people who support the program and if we inadvertently missed someone we do apologize. The programs to date have been designed to support the needs of the total community and if you do not feel as though your voice has been heard and you would like to see some different programming please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb McGrath, Nick Memole, Marcia Whitehead (term expired, replaced by Marian Deegan), Jay Harvey, Candy Saindon, Judy Thachaberry, Ann Webb

REPORT OF THE SUNAPEE SENIOR CITIZENS

Good fellowship is enjoyed by an average of 45 members at our meetings, the second and fourth Mondays of the months, January through June and September to December. These gatherings are held at the Community Methodist Church at 1:30 pm during the winter months, otherwise at 7:00 pm. Our officers continue to be Marge Banas, President, Dot Jones, Vice-President, Helene Nutting, Treasurer, and Marilyn Morse, Secretary.

Our programs have been entertaining and informative with speakers including: George Dorr telling of his trips to worsted mills in other countries; Bill Stocker on NH Granite and local quarries; Dr. Jolyon Johnson on the changing scene at John Paul Barn; and Dr. John Ohler on Medicare and HMO's. The Rudnicks' demonstrated Turkish rugs and Pat Rude showed slides of Japan. Musical programs featured Henry Fitt's Trio and Victor Tallarico at the piano.

A trip to Prince Edward Island was enjoyed by many and the Amoskeag Fisheries; the American Museum of Machinery in Windsor, VT; Simon Pearce Glass and Pottery Plant; and wonderful meals at the NH College of Culinary Institute were some of our day trips.

Sixty Seniors improved their health by walking their way through winter at the Sherburne Gym covering 2,000 miles.

The Sunapee Thrift Shop is very appreciative of all that continue to support them with their valuable time and donations. The proceeds are given to many important Town Organizations.

Our season ended with a delightful Christmas dinner at the Edgemont House.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Morse, Secretary

REPORT OF THE TOWN WELFARE DIRECTOR

The year 1997 was a very busy one for Sunapee's Welfare Department, with a total of more than 60 clients served. Several of these were families suffering the effects of divorce, relocation, domestic violence, or work layoffs. A few were the families of the handicapped, and those who are elderly, on limited fixed incomes.

Among the activities carried on by this department, in addition to helping provide necessities to these families, are: Assisting with relocation, mediating with landlords, helping with arrangements for auto and home repairs, and ensuring that able bodied clients are carrying out a consistent search for employment.

We have arranged transportation for medical purposes and shopping, and have helped arrange fuel assistance, interviews and meetings with appropriate state agencies and the federal Social Security office, and job search processes. We even worked with the NH Department of Environmental Services on a leaking fuel system in the home of one of our clients, with the assistance of Hayward Refrigeration.

The work is, as you can see, varied. The department has also maintained a well-stocked food pantry, and has been the conduit for clothing and furniture donations.

Two of our major projects are the efforts that go into making both Thanksgiving and Christmas positive holiday experiences for our families in need. To this end, we work closely with the Trustees of the United Methodist Church, the Toy Project, the school nurses, and others who make holiday assistance possible.

We continue to turn over rent payments of landlords who are delinquent on taxes to the Town Tax Collector, under the provision of RSA:165 of the New Hampshire Statutes. Such landlords are always notified by mailing when welfare rent payments are being so diverted.

The stocking of a food pantry providing non-perishable items to our families in need is an ongoing project, and is assisted by many private donors, several school groups, the Senior Citizens' Organization, the Lions Club, and the Georges Mills Ladies Aid Society. A significant number of 50-lb. bags of fresh potatoes were distributed twice to clients in 1997, based on generous donations provided to us by Cornerstone Ministries of Keene.

I have been able to stay current with changes in the overall Welfare system, particularly at the State level, by attendance at a major statewide conference for Town welfare officials sponsored by NH Municipal Association, and meetings of the welfare directors' association. I also received considerable assistance from the full-time personnel in some of the State's larger areas, including Concord, Milford, Peterborough, and Claremont.

Especially since my position is a part-time one, I am dependent on, and grateful for, the assistance of Town Office personnel: Catherine Rich, Lynne Wiggins, and Eileen Stiles, along with Town Clerk Betty Ramspott, and the Town Manager, John Wheeler.

And thanks to all of you for your help and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Wrightington
Welfare Director

LEGISLATIVE REPORT SULLIVAN COUNTY DISTRICT II

It has been an honor to have the opportunity to serve our district during the 1997 legislative session. Allegedly, the NH Legislation is considered to be the third largest lawmaking body in the world. It is a true citizenship legislature. Much of its strength is derived from dedication, the spirit of volunteerism and overall commitment to serve the people of our state. It represents us and I am pleased to be a part of it.

There were some significant changes in State Government at the introduction of the 1997 session. They included a change in party at the executive level, a first time female governor, a first time female speaker, several standing committee chairmen changes in the house, and the arrival of a large number of new legislators who appeared to be more non-partisan by nature, which helped redefine the legislative mission in many areas.

I was assigned to the Municipal and County Government Committee. We processed approximately forty bills including such items as home rule, SB-2 Ballot law, conservation and tax easements, tax assessments, tax deeding, properly notifying multiple landowners, taxation of easements, subdivisions, planning board and zoning issues, airport regulation, local and state records management, financial powers of village districts, regulation of voting places and the like.

Our committee was particularly instrumental in moving the home rule bill (anything not in RSA's or not regulated be left at the discretion of local communities) overwhelmingly through the House only to be defeated by the Senate. Members of our committee visited several school districts and municipalities who were under the SB-2 law in 1997 to ascertain pros, cons and what glitches, if any, needed to be addressed. This exercise was under the SB-109 bill which continues to be under close scrutiny and review.

The Municipal and County Government Committee also assigned sub-committees to work on thirteen re-referred bills (bills that required more research before taking final action) during the summer. Most of these bills will be acted upon early in the 1998 session. At this time we are not certain how many new bills will be assigned to our committee for the 1998 session. However, it is anticipated that it could easily be in excess of fifty-five.

I have found it productive to meet with the various state departments to establish rapport and to ascertain ways to better serve our district. They have been cooperative, dedicated and have a sincere interest in extending assistance. Some of my recent visits included inquiries relative to environmental issues, protection of lakes and ponds, drinking water protection, highway improvement, and the county taxing process.

Since highways play such a vital role in the economy of our district, it would be incumbent to pursue ways to enhance traffic flow with such arteries as Route 11 and affiliated secondary roads. Improvements such as the addition of an extra lane on a hill or in congested areas, or right and left hand turn lanes would help traffic in many locations. Hopefully, we will be able to present a stronger voice for this effort in the near future.

In response to several inquiries from citizens, I have written a letter to the County government sub-committee asking them to review the formula as to how the communities are taxed in each county. Presently, tax apportionment is based only upon valuation and set by the Department of Revenue Administration. The question seems to be whether the user-of-services aspect (population) should be entered into the formula. It is not an easy question nor does it have a simple solution. However, since a huge portion of the county budget is relegated to human services, an in-depth review of the whole process would seem in order.

The issue of whether or not to enter into a long-term lease arrangement for both Cannon and Mt. Sunapee will probably surface during the upcoming session. The 1997 legislature authorized the appointment of a joint committee to study, formulate a lease agreement, and ascertain whether there are interested parties. Currently, most legislators are reserving comment until that phase of the committee's assignment is completed. When and if the issue of whether or not to lease arises, much dialogue will be generated from all interested parties. I welcome your input on this matter.

My involvement in constituent service has been active and varied. As previously mentioned, the various state agencies have been responsive and helpful. Please don't hesitate to call, fax, or e-mail me whether it is a concern, or need for a copy of a bill, time of a committee hearing, or the like.

Representative Merle Schotanus has been very helpful to me and we continue to work as a team for the best interests of our district. I am sure he joins me in encouraging any individual or group who wishes to visit the State House or attend a session to get in touch and one of us will offer our assistance.

If you wish to contact me, my mailing address is 310 North Road, Sunapee, NH 03782, my telephone and fax number is (603)763-9933, and my e-mail is Rcle@sugar-river.net. My committee is located in room 301 of the legislative office building and the telephone number is (603)271-3317.

Thank you again for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Richard C. Leone
Sullivan County District #2
Grantham-Springfield-Sunapee

REPORT OF MERLE W. SCHOTANUS

Representative to NH General Court

The 1997 session was a productive session both for our State and me personally. After much political shadow boxing and dancing to establish party pecking orders, the House got down to business and turned out some very constructive legislation. The \$5.5 billion biennial budget represents about a 3.1% increase in State general fund spending but increases the money going back to cities and towns by over \$80 million. Qualifying towns will receive additional dollars in Augenblick educational formula funding, school building aid, per pupil kindergarten funding, and catastrophic education aid funding. They will also receive increased Meal and Rooms tax revenue sharing and added environmental, bridge and highway funding. Although it did not include funding for a new prison, the \$64.3 million general fund capital budget will provide for additional

buildings or improvements for the University system, the Glencliff home for the elderly, the Supreme court and several other state building projects. For the first time, this budget includes emergency building repair funds which heretofore had to be appropriated on a piece-meal basis; and a mandatory requirement that all new computer purchases be approved by a central office of information technology to insure the state's computer network is coordinated. Information technology purchases by the state are expected to total over \$50 million during the biennium.

My first year as clerk of the Public Works and Highways committee was busy, and quite productive. I assisted in crafting the capital budget and was able to concentrate on many bills of interest to district 3 constituents. I was very pleased to work with my colleague from Cornish, Representative Peter Burling, and other sponsors to pass the landmark bipartisan Kindergarten incentive bill which is already producing great progress toward providing kindergarten for all New Hampshire five year olds. I also had the pleasure of co-sponsoring the repeal of the ancient and unenforceable 1848 abortion laws. Other bills that I sponsored or helped to pass dealt with diabetes insurance coverage, river corridor management plans, snowmobile registration fees and trail grant-in-aid programs, and forest landowner estate taxes.

In the 1998 session I will co-sponsor a bill with my colleague from Sunapee, Representative Richard Leone, to help protect Sunapee's water supply, and will be working on solving the very serious problem of prison overcrowding as part of my Public Works Committee duties. My hope to concentrate on other issues will be completely overshadowed by the fallout of the recent Supreme Court decision regarding educational funding. The decision has caused substantial political upheaval, but it should not come as a surprise. The state legislature and certain political leaders have been sidestepping the issue of adequate state support of education for years. It was an issue in 1985 in my first term when the legislature adopted the Augenblick formula of educational funding in response to a threatened court challenge. The funding formula was a good one, but never proved successful because the state has continually refused to fully fund it. This and the filing of the so-called Claremont suit in 1991 have made educational funding an issue of debate in every legislative session since then. The one-year time limit placed on the legislature to resolve this sticky issue simply tells us that "it is now time to either fish or cut bait!"

I believe the problem of constitutionally acceptable education adequacy and funding can be resolved in a way that benefits both the children of this state and the communities and individuals responsible for providing it in a positive and equitable manner. I reject the notion that a constitutional amendment alone will solve the problem. Any solutions will impact the five towns of District 3 in different ways. The court's ruling provides legislators a unique opportunity to consult with their constituents to define educational adequacy and to find a way

to pay for it. We have pleaded for constituent input before without much success. Now it is imperative that the Schotanus, Burling, Leone team hear from you on this issue. You can reach me in several different ways: a note or letter to me in Concord at House of Representatives, Room 201, LOB, Concord, NH 03301; or at home in Grantham at 28 Sugarwood Lane, Grantham, NH 03753. You can reach me by phone in concord at 271-3565 or in Grantham at 863-2293; or by fax at 863-3539; or by E-mail at hmsshot@smnet.com. Please let us hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,
 Representative Merle Schotanus
 District 3, Sullivan County

1997 CEMETERY REPORT

Burials

Date		Cemetery	Lot
January 6	Hill, Eleanor	Old East. Ext.	66 #2
January 6	Zerbel, Helen	New East.	81B #3
February 15	Pratt, Elizabeth	New East.	4B #3
February 24	Gardner, Bernadine	New East.	38B #3
March 26	Warren, Margaret	New East.	88B #1
October 5	Fernald Jr., Melville	New East.	92B #4
October 6	Hoy, Joan S.	South	45 #2

Cremations

Date		Cemetery	Lot
December 25, 1996	Dixon III, Alfred B.	New East.	34B #3
May 18	Leone, Ralph H.	Old East. Ext.	65 #1
June 11	Gregory, Norma E.	New East.	9B #1
June 19	Holt, Margaret	New East.	63B #2
June	Coury, William A	New East.	17B #4
September 5	Varney, George	South	43 #1

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE **January 1 through December 31, 1997**

DATE	CHILD	FATHER	MOTHER	PLACE
Jan. 5	Alexander Michael Fogg	Robin Lee Fogg	Robin Lee Beard	New London
Jan. 15	Emily Rose Safford	Cory Michael Safford	Dawn Raylene Boucher	New London
Jan. 26	Ethan Charles Weinstein	Charles Warren Weinstein	Heather Joyce Evans	Claremont
Mar. 27	Dustin Thomas Lester	Charles Robert Lester	Karen Lyn Bliss	Lebanon
Apr. 10	Lillian Elizabeth Naimie	Christopher Eric Naimie	Tina Elizabeth Girouard	New London
Apr. 28	Alex Andrew Seale	Everett Alfred Seale, Jr.	Mary Louise Deyette	Claremont
June 12	Abigail Donovan	Gordon Aubrey Young	Nancy Vail Donovan	Claremont
June 14	James George McAlister	Matthew Jay McAlister	Janet Elizabeth Osgood	Lebanon
July 9	Anna Marie Richardson	Douglas Gordon Richardson, Jr.	Pamela Ann Richardson	New London
July 30	Nicholas Austin St. Laurent	Marc Dominic St. Laurent	Michelle Joyce Prunier	Concord
Sept. 26	Lillian Mae Huntoon	Neal Henry Huntoon	Linda Jean Dickerson	Lebanon
Sept. 27	Taylor Renee O'Mara	Michael Jerome O'Mara	Stacy Lynn Dicks	New London
Oct. 25	Matthew Edward Tenney	Edward Ballou Tenney	Holly Kay Anderson	New London
Oct. 25	Rachel Lorraine Malanga	Thomas Ernest Malanga	Monique Francoise Saler	New London
Nov. 21	John Erik Stephens	Kenneth Awbrey Stephens	Robin Leigh Maze	New London
Dec. 2	Eliza Rose Abendroth	Allen Kent Abendroth	Robin Louise Risley	Lebanon
Dec. 19	Katherine Frances Titus	Peter Everett Titus	Victoria Frances Danico	Claremont
Dec. 31	Emily Kay Hastings	Jennifer Erin Blair	Jeffrey Allen Hastings	New London

I hereby certify the above returns to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ramspott, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE

January 1 through December 31, 1997

DATE	GROOM/BRIDE	RESIDENCE
April 5	David Walter Bean	Sunapee, NH
	Robin Gayle Bean	Sunapee, NH
April 29	Richard William Shepard	Sunapee, NH
	Joelle Marie Stinson	Sunapee, NH
May 24	James Douglas Frederick	Sunapee, NH
	Jonie Lynn Bell	Sunapee, NH
May 24	Wayne W. Minnick	South Ryegate, VT
	Michelle G. Farias	South Ryegate, VT
June 7	Scott Allen Webster	Sunapee, NH
	Judy Ann Colbeth	Sunapee, NH
June 21	Matthew Wayne Pollari	Sunapee, NH
	Kristine Janet Herrin	Sunapee, NH
June 28	Mark Cannon Montgomery	Sunapee, NH
	Lucinda Ann Esh	Virginia Beach, VA
July 1	Robert Scott Livingstone	Richmond, VT
	Linda Ann Fischer	Richmond, VT
July 4	Matthew Walter Gill	Sunapee, NH
	Jayne Elizabeth Robertson	Sunapee, NH
July 4	William E. Bush, Jr.	Sunapee, NH
	Sharone T. Bush	Sunapee, NH
July 5	Ricky Raymond Comar	Seattle, WA
	Deborah Anne Smick	Seattle, WA
July 5	Robert J. Ramirez	Chicago, IL
	Kathryn Theresia Schnelle	Chicago, IL
July 19	Gene Russell Chartier	Sunapee, NH
	Heidi Marie Corbett	Sunapee, NH
July 19	Donald Keith Hufault	Sunapee, NH
	Shauna Lee Lader	Sunapee, NH
July 19	Anthony James Malpica	Sunapee, NH
	Rachel Renee Triplett	Sunapee, NH
Aug. 2	Michael Francis Ryan	Sunapee, NH
	Judith Marie Collins	Sunapee, NH
Aug. 3	Gerald Robert Roy	St. Croix, USVI
	Bonita Marie Turner	St. Croix, USVI
Aug. 10	Wayne Victor Levasseur	Sunapee, NH
	Corinne Day Haselton	Sunapee, NH

DATE	GROOM/BRIDE	RESIDENCE
Aug. 16	Andrew Campbell Harriman	Sunapee, NH
	Mary Elizabeth Mis	Hudson, MA
Aug. 16	Jerold David Loring	Sunapee, NH
	Jennifer Lynn Page	Sunapee, NH
Aug. 16	Scott Allen Richart	Sunapee, NH
	Tracey A. Leblanc	Sunapee, NH
Aug. 16	Andrew Webster Hager	New London, NH
	Jennifer Elizabeth Shelby	Sunapee, NH
Aug. 30	George J. Shea	Sunapee, NH
	Karen Lee Tosca	Longmeadow, MA
Sept. 6	Mark William Stone	Springfield, VT
	Nicole Megan Rietta	Springfield, VT
Sept. 11	Roger Lee Evans	Sunapee, NH
	Brenda Joyce Martin	Sunapee, NH
Sept. 13	Frank Anthony Montefusco	Chapel Hill, NC
	Lorena Ann Krajcik	Chapel Hill, NC
Sept. 20	Dirk A. Dino	Dallas, TX
	Colleen M. Roark	Dallas, TX
Sept. 20	Stephen Gottfried Hess	Sterling, MA
	Janine Marie Fuller	Amherst, MA
Oct. 25	Joslin Stephen Gagne	Sunapee, NH
	Lynda Marie-Christian Hynes	Sunapee, NH
Dec. 9	Scottie R. Houde	Sunapee, NH
	Erin Rita Hall	Sunapee, NH

I hereby certify the above returns to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Respectfully submitted,
 Betty Ramspott, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE January 1 through December 31, 1997

DATE	NAME	PLACE	MOTHER	FATHER
Jan. 6	Helen Louise Zerbel	Newport	Helen A. Ruane	Stephen H. Carty
Jan. 6	Eleanor Woodward Hill	New London	Florence Woodward	Leo Richardson
Feb. 15	Elizabeth Gilchrist Pratt	Newport	Lillian Young	Arthur Gilchrist
Feb. 16	Arthur William Keating	Newport	Edna Sevigny	Edward Keating
Feb. 24	Bernadine Mason Gardner	New London	Adella Huntress	Oliff Mason
Feb. 25	Erna Elenor Walker	New London	Effie I. Chapman	James West
Mar. 24	Lillian Wolfson Shukovsky	New London	Charna Perlman	Benjamin Wolfson
May 18	Ralph Leone	New London	Mabel MacKenzie	Huston Leone
May 22	David Earl Jones	Sunapee	Ethel Miner	Gilford Jones
May 31	Herbert Richard Ripley	New London	Margaret O'Connor	Hebert Ripley
July 20	George Kenyon	Sunapee	Helen Donahue	George Kenyon
Aug. 30	Barbara Jean Perry	Claremont	M. Pauline Bennett	Elsid W. Fortune
Sept. 28	Robert Thomas Hills Benton	Concord	Alice Dixon	William Benton
Oct. 5	Melville Williams Fernald, Jr.	Lebanon	Dora Hanson	Melville Williams Fernald, Sr.
Nov. 26	Pauline Minnie Fortune	Unity	Ester Rule	George Burnett
Dec. 9	Karl August Folkers	Sunapee	Laura Black	August Folkers

ADDENDUM TO 1995 DEATHS

Nov. 18	Louis Edwin Aiken	New London	Gertrude Spencer	Clifford Aiken
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I hereby certify the above returns to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ramspond, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION

SUNAPEE SCHOOL BOARD

Nancy Smith, Chairperson	Term expires 1999
Christine Stoddard, Vice Chairperson	Term expires 2000
Richard Kelly	Term expires 1998

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #43 OFFICERS

Jacquelyn Cochrane, Chairperson	Croydon
Rick Thomas, Vice Chairperson	Newport
Holly Harrison, Secretary	Newport
Richard Kelly, Treasurer	Sunapee

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator	Harry Gale
Clerk	Devon Smith
Treasurer	Sally Putonen

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Schools	Dr. William J. Gauthier
Assistant Superintendent	Dr. John H. Handfield
Special Needs Director	Dr. Kenneth DeVoid
Business Administrator	James Fenn
Office Personnel	Pam Joslin
	Beth Laramie
	Joyce Merrow
	Lynn Oakes
	Krystyna Samiec
Truant Officer	Alan J. Soucy
School Nurses	Marilyn McLaughlin
	Marilyn Sherman

To the Citizens of Sunapee:

The 1997-98 school year presented the Sunapee School Board with a full agenda. The Sunapee Middle High School building project has not been without controversy. However, with the continued support of the SAU staff, building administrators, and public involvement, the town of Sunapee will have a Middle/High school to be proud of. Always looking for ways to save tax dollars, the board instructed the SAU administrators to find alternative sources to bond the building project. This action led to our achieving an interest rate of 4.6% for the 15 year loan and, as a result, the town will save more than \$76,000 over the life of the loan.

The board would like to thank a group of people who have volunteered their time to be on our Building Advisory Committee: Rick Bascom, Jolyon Johnson, Mike Durfor, Ted Gallup and Bill Ostrom. Their involvement and input is appreciated and valued by the board.

Collective bargaining with Sunapee Teachers negotiations has brought about a multi-year contract that the board feels is reasonable and beneficial for teachers and tax payers alike. This contract includes a plan for the teachers to start contributing for their health benefits -- five percent in 1998-1999 and ten percent in 1999-2000. This reflects a cost saving for the district.

Thanks to the vote taken last year, the Sherburne gym has seen significant improvements. In addition to the installation of a new floor, the board voted to purchase wall mats for the safety of our kids and a floor cover to protect the surface of our new floor for years to come. The board was able to approve expenditures for these two items because of the availability of unanticipated revenues.

This year the board voted to give K-8th grade teachers time to work on curriculum. One half-day each month has been set aside for the teachers to work on an integrated curriculum. At this time 6-8th grade teachers have been working together to create a middle school program, taking into account the concerns that next year's 6th grade parents have regarding the 6th grade moving into the Middle/High School building. Mr. Kress made a presentation on our Middle School for those parents with questions and concerns. Another meeting will be held in the spring for all parents of this year's 5th and 6th graders.

The board would like to thank Mr. Kress for his years of service as principal at our Middle/High School. Mr. Kress has moved on to a central office position in another school district and we wish him well in all his endeavors.

We would also like to extend our heartiest welcome back, and thank you, to Mr. Richard Leone. We look forward to working with you as our interim Sunapee Middle High School principal. Lastly, we would like to thank all of you who have been so supportive of the board and its actions this past year. Being on the School Board is not always easy, but the many phone calls and words of encouragement have kept us going. We look forward to serving you this next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Smith
Christine Stoddard
Richard Kelly

**SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLES
FISCAL YEAR 1998-99**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Sunapee, qualified to vote in the district's affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium in said district on the 21st day of March, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. to vote upon the articles set forth in this warrant not covering the election of district officers. Said officers will be elected at the Town Meeting to be held in said gymnasium on the 10th of March by official ballot and checklist. The polls will remain open for this purpose from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Note: Articles 1 and 10 shall be voted on by official ballot on Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1

To choose a moderator, clerk, and treasurer for the ensuing year and to choose one member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Article 2

To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees or officials chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Sunapee School Board and the Sunapee Teachers Association which calls for the following increases in wages and benefits:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ESTIMATED INCREASE</u>
1998-1999	\$ 93,385.00
1999-2000	\$ 88,690.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,385.00 for the 1998-1999 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels in the prior fiscal year.

(School Board recommends approval)

ARTICLE 4

To see if the School District will raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$4,980,915.00) for support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state sources, together with income; the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance between revenues and appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. (NOTE: This warrant article does not include appropriations under any other warrant article.) (School Board recommends approval)

SPECIAL ARTICLE 5

To see if the School District will raise and appropriate \$71,300.00 for the express purpose of purchasing computer and related items for the Sunapee Elementary and Middle/High Schools. (School Board recommends approval)

ARTICLE 6

To see if the School District will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the School Board, to appoint a deputy treasurer, as provided in RSA 197:24-a. Said deputy shall be sworn, shall have the powers of the treasurer, may be removed at the pleasure of the treasurer and shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give bond as

provided in RSA 197:22, and to raise and appropriate \$420.00 for deputy treasurer bond costs and to fix the salary of the deputy treasurer at \$50.00 per year. (School Board recommends approval)

SPECIAL ARTICLE 7

To see if the School District will raise and appropriate up to \$25,000 and to place said funds into the School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. A vote at an annual school district meeting is required in order to spend funds from this Capital Reserve Fund. (School Board recommends approval)

SPECIAL ARTICLE 8

To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$91,000.00 as a deficit appropriation to the 1997-1998 school budget to cover the increase in the special education and tuition costs. (School Board recommends approval)

ARTICLE 9

"Shall the school district accept the provisions of RSA 198:20b providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the school district, unanticipated money from state, federal or other governmental unit, or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year?"

ARTICLE 10 BY PETITION

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Sunapee School District?

ARTICLE 11 BY PETITION

To see if the District will vote to increase the size of the Sunapee School Board from three (3) members to five (5) members beginning with the School District Meeting in March, 1999. Membership on the five member board will be filled at the elections for the March 1999 School District meeting by electing two members for the three year terms and one member for the two year term. Thereafter, all terms shall be for three years.

ARTICLE 12 BY PETITION

To see if the district will vote to place \$6000.00 back to the Instructional Programs part of the Sunapee Middle High School budget, to fund the following sports: Middle School Boys Baseball, Middle School Cheerleading and Junior Varsity Girls Soccer.

ARTICLE 13

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this TWENTY EIGHTH day of JANUARY, nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

Nancy Smith
Christine Stoddard
Richard Kelly
SUNAPEE SCHOOL BOARD

A True Copy of Warrant - Attest:

Nancy Smith
Christine Stoddard
Richard Kelly
SUNAPEE SCHOOL BOARD

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 1999
BUDGET PROPOSAL

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FY 1997 ACTUAL	FY 1998 BUDGET	FY 1999 ADMIN. PROPOSED	FY 1999 BOARD ADOPTED
01-1100	REGULAR INSTRUCTION				
	WAGES - TEACHERS	\$1,400,990.78	\$1,410,307.00	\$1,506,370.00	\$1,451,395.00
	WAGES - AIDES	\$20,419.17	\$20,184.00	\$20,185.00	\$20,185.00
	WAGES - SUBSTITUTES	\$31,718.68	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$14,000.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$349,831.59	\$396,396.00	\$400,115.00	\$400,040.00
	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$10,768.04	\$13,553.00	\$15,630.00	\$13,630.00
	SUPPLIES & TEXTS	\$74,772.73	\$94,113.00	\$121,635.00	\$104,010.00
	EQUIPMENT	\$120,609.90	\$25,450.00	\$20,270.00	\$15,670.00
	TOTAL 1100 ACCTS	\$2,009,110.89	\$1,982,003.00	\$2,106,205.00	\$2,018,930.00
01-1200	SPECIAL EDUCATION				
	WAGES - TEACHERS	\$95,736.18	\$129,870.00	\$168,585.00	\$155,927.00
	WAGES - AIDES	\$215,675.93	\$202,056.00	\$253,535.00	\$263,784.00
	WAGES - SUBSTITUTES	\$6,312.50	\$3,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$72,547.87	\$124,304.00	\$153,355.00	\$151,355.00
	PROF SERVICES	\$175,796.02	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$480.00	\$11,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
	TUITION (SPED & PRESCHOOL)	\$100,683.40	\$10,030.00	\$90,610.00	\$82,275.00
	SUPPLIES & TEXTS	\$2,495.76	\$3,760.00	\$4,860.00	\$4,860.00
	EQUIPMENT	\$170.00	\$4,143.00	\$3,800.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL 1200 ACCTS	\$669,897.66	\$488,163.00	\$700,745.00	\$684,201.00
01-1201	RELATED SERVICES				
	WAGES - TEACHERS	\$0.00	\$189,671.00	\$165,280.00	\$165,280.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$0.00	\$47,413.00	\$52,465.00	\$52,465.00
	PROF SERVICES	\$0.00	\$11,966.00	\$13,400.00	\$13,400.00
	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
	SUPPLIES & TEXTS	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
	TOTAL 1201 ACCTS	\$0.00	\$251,450.00	\$233,545.00	\$233,545.00
01-1300	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION				
	VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATIO	\$9,412.39	\$13,107.00	\$8,925.00	\$8,925.00
	TUITION	\$8,884.71	\$7,665.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
	TOTAL 1300 ACCTS	\$18,297.10	\$20,772.00	\$19,925.00	\$19,925.00
01-1400	INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS				
	WAGES - TEACHERS	\$67,648.50	\$73,402.00	\$77,985.00	\$73,985.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$5,132.34	\$7,450.00	\$8,930.00	\$8,930.00
	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$5,550.00	\$1,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
	SUPPLIES	\$2,767.77	\$3,545.00	\$3,845.00	\$3,845.00
	ATHLETICS	\$26,013.64	\$27,000.00	\$28,900.00	\$26,900.00
	EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL 1400 ACCTS	\$107,112.25	\$112,397.00	\$126,660.00	\$120,660.00
01-1401	TECHNOLOGY				
	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$11,144.00	\$14,705.00	\$11,655.00
	SUPPLIES & TEXTS	\$0.00	\$4,469.00	\$12,530.00	\$10,030.00
	EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$3,134.00	\$65,970.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL 1401 ACCTS	\$0.00	\$18,747.00	\$93,205.00	\$21,685.00

01-2120	GUIDANCE				
	WAGES - COUNSELORS	\$76,826.00	\$76,826.00	\$88,580.00	\$79,180.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$16,039.80	\$17,891.00	\$11,660.00	\$11,660.00
	SUPPLIES & TEXTS	\$2,782.15	\$3,725.00	\$4,775.00	\$4,275.00
	EQUIPMENT	\$2,292.58	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL 2120 ACCTS	\$97,940.53	\$100,942.00	\$105,015.00	\$95,115.00
01-2130	HEALTH SERVICES				
	WAGES - NURSES	\$49,313.00	\$50,546.00	\$62,060.00	\$51,000.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$5,260.90	\$18,590.00	\$16,840.00	\$16,840.00
	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$434.34	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$350.00
	SUPPLIES	\$1,494.19	\$2,600.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	EQUIPMENT	\$2,869.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL 2130 ACCTS	\$59,371.85	\$72,286.00	\$81,950.00	\$70,690.00
01-2200	SUPPORT SERVICES				
	WAGES - SUBSTITUTES	\$2,347.58	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$179.63	\$268.00	\$270.00	\$155.00
	PROF. DEVELOPMENT	\$6,429.55	\$19,450.00	\$19,900.00	\$16,900.00
	CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	\$6,001.65	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL 2200 ACCTS	\$14,958.41	\$27,218.00	\$27,670.00	\$21,055.00
01-2220	MEDIA RESOURCES				
	WAGES - LIBRARIAN	\$45,783.98	\$45,784.00	\$45,790.00	\$45,790.00
	WAGES - AIDES	\$24,464.93	\$24,111.00	\$24,125.00	\$24,125.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$13,828.99	\$11,446.00	\$25,065.00	\$25,065.00
	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$2,978.70	\$2,750.00	\$3,100.00	\$2,900.00
	SUPPLIES	\$5,383.05	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00
	BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$13,655.86	\$13,200.00	\$12,900.00	\$11,900.00
	EQUIPMENT	\$4,032.77	\$7,873.00	\$7,910.00	\$7,585.00
	TOTAL 2220 ACCTS	\$110,128.28	\$112,164.00	\$125,890.00	\$123,365.00
01-2310	SCHOOL BOARD				
	WAGES	\$2,650.00	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
	SAU ALLOCATION	\$192,351.00	\$217,981.00	\$213,810.00	\$213,810.00
	PROF SERVICES	\$17,562.27	\$5,000.00	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00
	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$4,303.01	\$3,143.00	\$4,075.00	\$4,075.00
	SUPPLIES	\$2,254.53	\$1,400.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL 2310 ACCTS	\$219,120.81	\$230,924.00	\$234,085.00	\$234,085.00
01-2410	OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL				
	WAGES - SECTRETARIAL	\$53,681.07	\$66,410.00	\$65,440.00	\$63,840.00
	WAGES - PRINCIPALS	\$160,200.00	\$164,295.00	\$164,650.00	\$164,650.00
	SUPPORT STAFF RAISES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,225.00	\$22,225.00
	COMPUTER COORDINATOR	\$27,000.00	\$27,675.00	\$27,840.00	\$27,840.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$58,510.84	\$68,031.00	\$84,200.00	\$84,080.00
	PROF. DEVELOPMENT	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,600.00	\$2,700.00
	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$24,405.70	\$21,609.00	\$24,900.00	\$24,500.00
	SUPPLIES	\$5,068.23	\$7,100.00	\$11,200.00	\$8,000.00
	EQUIPMENT	\$7,950.00	\$5,300.00	\$3,685.00	\$2,685.00
	DUES & FEES	\$3,964.57	\$6,545.00	\$6,710.00	\$5,345.00
	TOTAL 2410 ACCTS	\$340,780.41	\$368,765.00	\$415,450.00	\$405,865.00
01-2540	OPERATIONS & PLANT MANAGEMENT				
	WAGES - CUSTODIANS	\$121,386.89	\$115,416.00	\$143,835.00	\$133,185.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$33,694.81	\$31,012.00	\$32,095.00	\$32,095.00
	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$52,242.72	\$52,229.00	\$66,405.00	\$53,735.00
	SUPPLIES	\$15,716.54	\$14,500.00	\$22,800.00	\$20,800.00
	UTILITIES	\$103,325.49	\$119,149.00	\$141,660.00	\$141,660.00
	EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	CONTINGENCY	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
	TOTAL 2540 ACCTS	\$326,366.45	\$333,806.00	\$408,295.00	\$381,975.00

01-2550	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION				
	WAGES - BUS DRIVERS	\$42,794.03	\$40,858.00	\$50,125.00	\$50,125.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$5,857.70	\$7,393.00	\$8,350.00	\$8,350.00
	REPAIRS TO EQUIPMENT	\$5,570.84	\$7,234.00	\$7,235.00	\$7,235.00
	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$5,954.00	\$9,783.00	\$9,800.00	\$9,800.00
	SUPPLIES	\$6,191.71	\$6,562.00	\$6,560.00	\$6,060.00
	FUEL/OIL	<u>\$8,797.89</u>	<u>\$6,987.00</u>	<u>\$7,300.00</u>	<u>\$7,300.00</u>
	TOTAL 2550 ACCTS	\$75,166.17	\$78,817.00	\$89,370.00	\$88,870.00
01-2560	LUNCH PROGRAM				
	WAGES - AIDES	\$5,773.00	\$5,994.00	\$5,994.00	\$5,994.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$498.00	\$16,331.00	\$505.00	\$505.00
	EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,685.00	\$0.00
	CONTINGENCY	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	TOTAL 2560 ACCTS	\$7,771.00	\$23,825.00	\$16,184.00	\$6,499.00
01-4500	WARRANT ARTICLES				
	WARRANT ARTICLES	<u>\$74,656.06</u>	<u>\$127,000.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	TOTAL 4500 ACCTS	\$74,656.06	\$127,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
01-5100	DEBT SERVICE				
	DEBT - PRINCIPAL	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$274,000.00	\$274,000.00
	DEBT - INTEREST	<u>\$2,220.00</u>	<u>\$120,000.00</u>	<u>\$180,450.00</u>	<u>\$180,450.00</u>
	TOTAL 5100 ACCTS	\$62,220.00	\$120,000.00	\$454,450.00	\$454,450.00
	TOTALS	\$4,192,897.87	\$4,469,279.00	\$5,288,644.00	\$4,980,915.00

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 1999
PROJECTED REVENUES

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FY 1997 ACTUAL	FY 1998 BUDGET	FY 1999 ADMIN. PROPOSED	FY 1999 BOARD ADOPTED
01-1311	TUITION - PARENTS	\$3,974.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-1312	TUITION - NH LEA	\$187,001.15	\$128,250.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
01-1332	SPED TUITION - NH LEA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,000.00
01-1510	EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$2,439.21	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
01-1990	OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	\$9,096.53	\$17,000.00	\$28,500.00	\$7,500.00
01-1991	SALE OF MODULAR	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$36,000.00
01-3120	SHARED REVENUES	\$22,835.00	\$23,737.00	\$23,737.00	\$23,737.00
01-3210	BUILDING AID - STATE	\$21,298.30	\$0.00	\$82,200.00	\$82,200.00
01-3220	VOC ED	\$0.00	\$5,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-3230	DRIVERS EDUCATION - STATE	\$5,550.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
01-3240	CATASTROPHIC AID	\$13,337.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-3250	KINDERGARTEN AID	\$16,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00
01-3290	OTHER STATE GRANTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
01-3900	WORKERS' COMP REFUND	\$495.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
01-4200	MEDICAID REVENUES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
01-4430	OTHER VOC ED REVENUES	\$3,461.76	\$4,100.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
01-5250	TRANS FROM CAP RESERVE	\$15,106.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL NON TAX REVENUES	\$300,594.81	\$209,887.00	\$372,937.00	\$388,937.00
01-1121	TAX ASSESSMENT	\$3,959,038.00	\$4,150,698.00	\$4,915,707.00	\$4,591,978.00
	TAX RATE IMPACT	\$9.59	\$10.05	\$11.91	\$11.12

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

The special education staff in Newport, Sunapee, and Croydon, have been taking every opportunity to attend workshops, courses and seminars regarding the re-authorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (*IDEA*). This process has been ongoing since last June. Many of our special educators attended legal workshops this past summer, and I attended a major seminar at Franklin Pierce Law Center in August. The new *IDEA* has some significant changes and the procedures that have been standard for so many years are now changing. The following is a quick overview of the changes that all special and regular classroom teachers will need to address.

The *IDEA* now requires schools to concentrate in the following areas:

- Fostering higher expectations for students with disabilities through their participation in statewide assessment systems and reporting of results.
- Strengthening the role of parents in all educational decision-making related to their child.
- Eliminating unnecessary testing through the revised re-evaluation procedures conducted by the Individual Education Program (*IEP*) team.
- Connecting the *IEP* to the general curriculum for instructional and assessment purposes.
- Attention to behavior management techniques and discipline requirements regarding educationally handicapped students.

Change usually brings a period of discomfort and adjustment. However, the special education staff has been taking the new requirements in stride. By May of 1998, we are required to have the majority of changes in place, and we will be ready.

Last year at this time, I reported that SAU #43 would begin the process of Medicaid reimbursement. This has happened and now on a monthly basis, special educators and related service providers turn in their data to be processed. Various services provided to Medicaid eligible students result in a quarterly check to each of the Districts. As we get a little more history with the system, it will become easier to predict anticipated Medicaid funds. The returns so far have been a pleasant way to help lower costs to tax payers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth E. DeVoid, Jr., Ed.D.
Director of Special Education

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Highly successful former UCLA Coach John Wooden once said, "Activity is not accomplished - achievement is!" In light of this statement, the Superintendent's Report for 1997 - 1998 school year highlights the significant achievements of the Sunapee School District that occurred during the past year.

In the area of facility improvements two projects of differing scale have been pursued that will have a positive impact on both the schools in Sunapee as well as the community itself. The smaller project of the two involved the DW Sherburne Gymnasium. At the 1997 Annual Meeting, voters endorsed the expenditures of \$99,000 to replace the badly warped floor, and reinforce the south end wall. In addition to this action, and in order to ensure that the district would be able to address as many immediate needs as possible, the Sunapee School Board supported a course of action that would permit the use of certain unanticipated Medicaid revenues from prior years to provide for a covering mat to preserve the new floor, wall padding to protect player's from potential injury and an adjusted backboard to meet regulations. Although this represented additional expenditures of \$17,084, it had no tax impact because it was paid from unanticipated revenues.

The larger project was a \$4,054,000 expansion and improvement of the Sunapee Middle High School. During this past year, this long- anticipated project got off the ground as a result of substantial citizen support at the 1997 Annual Meeting. Despite significant early setbacks that included storm damage in both of the new areas of expansion as well as a major soils issue that required additional unanticipated activity, the project will still be completed before students return to school for the 1998-1999 school year. When occupied the Middle High School will not only serve the educational needs of the youngsters in Sunapee but will continue to serve as a community resource of major importance for the entire town.

We continue to work on aligning our curricula with the New Hampshire Frameworks. The released days have allowed school staff to carry out in depth reviews concerning these matters. Curriculum and instruction remain at the heart of what we do. There are no "quick fixes" and we must continue to maintain our level of effort.

The SAU made a strong commitment to bringing Sunapee improved service in all areas. We believe that has been accomplished. We have received substantial Medicaid funds and related services have been better coordinated. The Assistant Superintendent has been on sight for the building and renovation projects. The new business manager has put Sunapee's finances in order. We have provided assistance in curriculum and assessment. We are ready to bring the skills and experience of our management team to bear in the years ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. John H. Handfield
Assistant Superintendent

Dr. William J. Gauthier, Jr.
Superintendent



Sunapee Central Elementary School

Principal's Report

It is with considerable pride that I submit this annual report on the educational mission and activities of the Sunapee Central Elementary School. I would like to focus particularly on the work that has been done in the 1996-1997 academic year to continuously improve the education we provide to the students, and the resources we offer to the community. This year saw an important recognition of the support we receive from the community; recognition of our position as a school which is leading in curricular improvement; continuing work to integrate technology into our curriculum; and the completion of the first year of our GOALS 2000 grant.

Our job is to teach children how to think. It is to listen, to laugh, and to foster a love of learning that is lifelong. Academics, a well structured curriculum, and continuous improvement are essential to prepare our children for a world that

we can not predict or imagine. We must educate our children to become lifelong learners and problem



solvers so that they may meet their challenges with ease and confidence. Our job is to assure that we work towards these objectives every day, in every setting.

Sharing a common direction and a sense of purpose defines the Sunapee Central Elementary Community. The New Hampshire Partners in Education Blue Ribbon Achievement Award was presented to the School Community to recognize the time and resources we receive from the community - especially the time of our many volunteers. The Sunapee Parent Teachers Organization deserves accolades for helping to support and define what is important for our children. Their work extends far beyond fund raising, and the school would not be what it is without them.

Recognition by other educational professionals is another way to measure our accomplishments. SCES has been chosen by the Regional Alliance for Science and Math Education Reform as a model site for the improvement of math, science, and technology in the State of New Hampshire. This year we have been focusing on streamlining and improving our science curriculum to assure a continuum of science content and interactions that prepare students for higher level experiences. Along with a small grant, the model site status has provided staff training and support in curriculum areas. (Check out our progress at <http://www.sunapee.k12.nh.us/sces/units>.)

Technology is a natural part of education. Our efforts have received a "jump start" thanks to

community support, grant funding, and a lot of hard work by the staff, students, and community volunteers. Dan Hudkins, our district technology coordinator, has provided encouragement and support for staff, students, and community members to take the risk of striving for more knowledge, utilizing the tools that we have available to stretch to learn as we are all students together. During the first year of the GOALS 2000 grant we completed our building Local Area Network and connected every classroom to the Internet. All staff received additional training and worked to formalize the relationship between our curriculum and the New Hampshire Learning Frameworks. We are working to assure that all of us, students and staff alike, know how to use these tools well while recognizing that they are only important if they are improving our students' learning.



I cannot resist adding one of the activities we have begun in this new year, my second as principal. We have begun reaching into the community with our technology resources. The third grade class became teachers for pre-school

children for five weeks this fall. It was encouraging to see our 9 year old students teach four and five year old children how to turn on the computer, access a CDROM, and work with a Living Book. We have many opportunities that are yet to be discovered in the area

of technology and we intend to seek them out to give every advantage possible to the young minds of Sunapee.

Again, it is truly my pleasure to be leading the finest group of professionals to provide the highest quality education to our children.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah L. Gibbens". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large initial 'D' and a distinct 'L'.

Deborah L. Gibbens, Principal SCES

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement exercises were conducted on Memorial Field at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 1997. Sunapee School Board chairman, Richard Kelly, awarded diplomas to: Aaron James Blank, Steven Paul Bucknam Jr., Monica Jean Colby, Kelly Theresa Currier, Jonathan Edward Daniels, Corey A. Davis, Edmund C. Davis III, Bryan R. Delaney, Cole Alan Gardner, Matthew Philip Gross, Nicholas John Gross, Erika Gullatt, Kristin Beth Gundersen, Joseph F. Hancock, Brian Charles Heino, April M. Huff, Ian P. LeClair, Tommy James Leland, Carolyn Beth McLaughlin, Katherine Merrill, Caitlin John Molloy, Amanda-Jean Nicole Moodie, Christine O. Moosreiner, Michelle Lyn Morse, Nicole Désirée St. Arnault, Jennifer Alice Shea, Daniel Robert Sherman, Carlee Ann Shields, Nicolette Jennifer Smith, Brandy Lee Waterman, James Vincent Wiggins, Heather Ann Wilkie, Robert James J. Wolinski.

For the record, awards and scholarships presented at graduation were:

MURVIN A. BAILEY AWARD

Jonathan Daniels

SUNAPEE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Cole Gardner

ANNIE G. LEONE AWARD

Steven Bucknam

HERBERT B. SAWYER - Amanda Moodie

KAREN MARIE SCHRADER MEMORIAL

Edmund Davis III

JOHN SEGALINI - Katherine Merrill

HANK CARLEY AWARD - Matthew Gross

AMANDA MARIE BURRILL MEMORIAL

Carolyn McLaughlin

PIZZA CHEF OF SUNAPEE - Caitlin Molloy

NEW LONDON ROTARY CLUB

Monica Colby, Edmund Davis III,
Ian LeClair, Katherine Merrill,
Amanda Moodie, Michelle Morse

**SUNAPEE LION'S CLUB - Kelly Currier,
Katherine Merrill, Amanda Moodie
(2nd Year Students) - Joseph Abraham,
Sarah Hill, Mark Hudson**

LAKE SUNAPEE BANK CITIZENSHIP

AWARD - Jennifer Shea

SUNAPEE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

**AWARD - Kristin Gundersen, Ian
LeClair, Michelle Morse, Jennifer Shea**

SUNAPEE THRIFT SHOP - Edmund Davis III

SUGAR RIVER SAVINGS BANK

Kristin Gundersen

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-MEACHAM

Katherine Merrill

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - April Huff

SUNAPEE FIREMEN - Monica Colby

TOM TUOHY MEMORIAL - Nicholas Gross

JOHN M. & DELLA U. EMERSON

Nicolette Smith

WENDELL W. RUDE - Kristin Gundersen

ETHAN S. CLOW MEMORIAL

Robert Wolinski

HIGHLAND FARM

Edmund Davis III, April Huff,
Ian LeClair, Heather Wilkie

DORIS E. BISHOP - Caitlin Molloy

LAKE SUNAPEE PROTECTIVE

**ASSOCIATION - Edmund Davis III,
Kristin Gundersen, Jennifer Shea**

MARY FELICIA FALZARANO

Monica Colby, Kelly Currier, Edmund
Davis III, Matthew Gross, Nicholas
Gross, Kristin Gundersen, April Huff,
Ian LeClair, Carolyn McLaughlin,
Katherine Merrill, Christine Moosreiner,
Michelle Morse, Jennifer Shea, Nicole
St. Arnault, Daniel Sherman, Brandy
Waterman, James Wiggins

SUNAPEE BOOSTER CLUB

Edmund Davis III, Carolyn McLaughlin,
Michelle Morse, Jennifer Shea

CRICENT'S MARKET

Aaron Blank, Daniel Sherman

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF HUMAN SERVICES - Heather Wilkie

CHARLES & CARL CLEMENT MEMORIAL
Tommy Leland

CONNECTICUT VALLEY F. M. ASSOCIATION
Ian LeClair

HERBERT O. WILLIAMS - Kristin Gundersen

SULLIVAN FAMILY & PROSPECT HILL ANTIQUES - Matthew Gross

SUNAPEE CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Nicholas Gross, Ian LeClair, Jennifer Shea, Brandy Waterman

MCCRILLIS & ELDRIDGE INSURANCE
Jennifer Shea

JOHN P. MOLLOY - Nicholas Gross

DAVID W. SHERBURNE MEMORIAL
Ian LeClair

GOSHEN/LEMPSTER TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Edmund Davis III, Hilary Smith

ONNELA LUMBER CO. - Matthew Gross

Class Day exercises were held on Memorial Field at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 1997. Awards presented were:

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Valedictorian - Heather Wilkie

Salutatorian - Ian LeClair

DAUGHTER'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (D.A.R.) - Michelle Morse

HUGH O'BRIEN YOUTH LEADERSHIP (H.O.B.Y.) - Tara Taylor

BOOK AWARDS

Dartmouth College - Christopher Barrett

Harvard University - Wesley Jacobs

Smith College - Amanda Brown

Wellsley College - Lisa Glennon

MATH TEAMS

Senior Division - Christopher Barrett,
Aaron Blank, Edmund Davis III, Lisa
Glennon, Kristin Gundersen, Matthew
Hanson, Wesley Jacobs, Ian LeClair,
Ralph Pietzner, Robert Sargent,
Zachary Stansfield, Heather Wilkie

Intermediate Division - Stacy Bailey,
Erin Callahan, Tasha Gerken,
Georgeana Hill, Katharine Sargent,
Katherine Stansfield

Junior Division Math Team - Robert
Allen, Adria Brown, Andrew Hill,
Justin Jacobs, Jessica Leone, Erin
Peirce, Joey Perkins, Kathryn Stevens

HARVARD MODEL CONGRESS AWARDS

Christopher Barrett, Wesley Jacobs,
Ian LeClair, Michelle Morse, Ralph
Pietzner, Jackie Rocha, Desmond
Smith, Nicolette Smith, Christopher
Stanley

MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION AWARDS

Christopher Barrett, Ryan Brown, Paul
Franzen, Kristin Gundersen, Matthew
Hanson, Ian LeClair, Amanda Moodie,
Michelle Morse, Ralph Pietzner,
Jennifer Shea, Daniel Sherman, Jeff
Snider, Jaime Webb,

GEOGRAPHY BEE AWARDS

Winner - Stephen Hadzima

Runner-up - Jessica Leone

SPELLING BEE AWARDS

Winner - Hannah Bascom

Runner-up - Katherine Jackson

NATHAN JOHNSON 8TH GRADE GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD - Jonathan Hamel

NEW LONDON ROTARY - SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD - Ian LeClair

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN ART AWARD - Nicholas Gross

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Paul Christensen, Ryan Christensen,
Kelly Crawford, Nicholas Grant,
Heather Hayward, Krystal Rowe,
Katherine Stansfield, Benjamin Trow,
Brandy Waterman.

U. S. ARMY SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS
James Wiggins, Heather Wilkie

SPECIAL AWARD - JOSTEN'S 25 YEARS AS ADVISER TO THE YEARBOOK
Ms. Laura Davis

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD - Ralph Pietzner

Rather than my traditional report format, I would like to deviate this year and describe what I feel is the single most outstanding accomplishment that has occurred at Sunapee Middle High School since I arrived.

I assure you that our students continue to fare well at our school. We continue to emphasize and focus on academic excellence. This year, we have moved to offer midyear and end of year exams. We also have moved to incorporate more advanced placement courses into our curriculum. And finally, we continue to fine tune our senior project concept which I maintain is the best piece of authentic assessment that I have ever seen. The development over the past three years of a quality 6-8 middle school program is also noteworthy. And our commitment toward integrating technology into our curriculum remains an ongoing goal as we realize that we must prepare our students for the ever changing technological world that awaits them when they graduate. I encourage everyone to visit our web site at <http://www.sunapee.k12.nh.us>. We will continue to display our students' and school achievements on it.

The most important accomplishment that has occurred since my arrival is not a student accomplishment, but a community accomplishment that is most worthy of public record. This coming September, as the 1998-99 school year begins, the students and staff at Sunapee Middle High School will be housed in a beautiful new facility which, when combined with what I feel is an outstanding academic curriculum, will provide the proper atmosphere for all students to obtain a quality education. Many fine accomplishments have occurred in both Sunapee schools but nothing can compare to what the Sunapee community has made possible for its youth with the new building and renovation project currently in progress. The story of how this happened needs to be recorded.

One year ago at the annual school district meeting, the Sunapee community voted to appropriate \$4,054,000 for the purpose of new construction and renovations at Sunapee Middle High School. The passing of this warrant article was a real twist of irony as two years previous, a similar warrant article could not even muster a simple majority vote, let alone the required two-thirds majority for approval. Obviously, much hard work by many people needs to be recognized in order to begin to understand how one could try to explain the extraordinary and miraculous turnaround in two short years.

Soon after the defeat of the warrant article for a building and renovation project in March 1995, the school board moved to form a Community Task Force made up of a true cross section of the Sunapee community. This task force was charged with re-studying the entire issue of space needs at both the elementary and middle high schools. After extensive interviews with most teachers and staff members at both schools, this task force brought forward recommendations to the school board, which in turn developed a sound strategy that took us from preliminary plans based on

results of a demographic study to the comprehensive finalized plans encompassed by the warrant article presented last year.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the entire process used to get to the warrant article presented last year. Each member of the Community Task Force, and there were many, needs to stand very tall in knowing that they were very instrumental in being a large part of the successful vote at last year's school district meeting. Each teacher and staff member needs to also feel proud of their contributions as well as feeling good that they were indeed heard. And finally, the total and dedicated support of the Sunapee School Board throughout the entire process is most commendable. Each school board member who served since 1995 gave their total support and dedicated much of their valuable time to insure a united effort to do their job well. All of this did indeed make a difference. When the final tally of the warrant article vote was announced, I felt, along with many more people I'm sure, a feeling of jubilant satisfaction, almost indescribable, but all at once it seemed that all the hard work had finally paid off. To the entire community of Sunapee, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for demonstrating that the Sunapee Community does value a quality education for their youth and they are indeed willing to pay the price to insure it. Speaking for everyone at Sunapee Middle High School, *THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!*

When you read this report, I will have moved on. However, I assure you that I will have taken more than I gave. I will always cherish my memories of the staff, students, parents and community members whom I worked with in Sunapee. There is a uniqueness about the Sunapee schools that I have not completely understood as of yet, but I am sure the answer is rooted in tradition, pride and very caring teaching and support staffs. I'm reminded of some words I'll never forget that were espoused by the chairman of the Sunapee School Board during my first year. Alan Doherty stated in a meeting that "our schools are the gems of our community, they are sacred and must be preserved at all costs." Since I heard these words, the Sunapee community has continually given proof that it is indeed driven by this creed.

Helen Keller was once asked, "is there anything worse than being blind?" "Oh yes," she replied, "having sight but no vision." I have always had a vision about what constitutes a quality education and what needs to be in place to attain this. I feel so fortunate that I found a teaching staff and community that indeed shared this same vision and I am most grateful for the support everyone has lent me trying to fulfill this vision. Please accept my humble appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Kress
Principal

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

The annual audit for the Sunapee School District, for the year ended June 30, 1997, was performed by Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association. Copies of the audit report can be obtained by contacting SAU #43, 15 Sunapee Street, Newport, N.H. 03773.

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Year Ended June 30, 1997

The School District did not have any bonded debt as of June 30, 1997. The Middle High School addition bond was sold July 15, 1997

STATEMENT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

	MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION
Date of Issue	July 15, 1997
Original Amount	\$4,054,000
Annual Maturity Date	August 1
Interest Payable	August 1 February 1
Payable at	Depository Trust Company
Amount Outstanding	\$4,054,000

Sally Putonen
School District Treasurer

ENROLLMENT
As of August 26, 1997

SCHOOL GRADE		NO. OF PUPILS	SCHOOL TOTAL
Sunapee Elementary	Kindergarten	30	
	1	39	
	2	39	
	3	35	
	4	45	
	5	47	
	6	38	273
Junior High School	7	39	
	8	53	92
High School	9	60	
	10	45	
	11	43	
	12	44	192
Total Pupils enrolled in all schools:			<hr/> 557

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #43
FY 1999 BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	FY 1996 ACTUAL	FY 1997 ACTUAL	FY 1998 BUDGET	FY 1999 ADOPTED
WAGES	\$ 302,258.40	\$ 307,210.43	\$ 317,106.00	\$ 342,345.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 65,455.30	\$ 78,706.50	\$ 75,814.00	\$ 84,786.00
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 30,781.33	\$ 39,632.18	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 32,800.00
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 19,660.78	\$ 18,429.05	\$ 17,170.00	\$ 19,100.00
EQUIPMENT	\$ 22,927.35	\$ 17,219.85	\$ -	\$ -
DUES & FEES	\$ 3,973.11	\$ 3,619.61	\$ 5,540.00	\$ 4,500.00
CONTINGENCY	\$ 9,714.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
RENT	\$ 12,169.20	\$ 12,963.40	\$ 12,170.00	\$ 12,170.00
TOTAL	\$ 466,940.12	\$ 477,781.02	\$ 456,600.00	\$ 495,701.00

LESS OFFSETS FROM FEDERAL GRANTS

ADMIN STAFF WAGES & BENEFITS	(Title 1)	\$	(5,480.00)	
CLERICAL STAFF WAGES & BENEFITS	(Title 1 & IDEA)	\$	(13,605.00)	
CO-PAY HEALTH INSURANCE		\$	(5,211.88)	
TOTAL ADJUSTED BUDGET	\$ 466,940.12	\$ 477,781.02	\$ 456,600.00	\$ 471,404.12

ALLOCATIONS

CROYDON	\$ 14,931.92	\$ 15,511.15	\$ 16,061.85
GOSHEN/LEMPSTER	\$ 49,424.07	\$ -	\$ -
NEWPORT	\$ 219,980.28	\$ 230,747.61	\$ 241,536.53
SUNAPEE	\$ 192,350.73	\$ 210,341.24	\$ 213,805.74
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP PERCENTAGE	\$ 476,687.00	\$ 456,600.00	\$ 471,404.12

SUNAPEE ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes (as amended)

March 15, 1997

The annual Sunapee School meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. on March 15, 1997. Harry Gale announced his appointment as assistant moderator, as Mr. Feeney is unable to attend. He went on to state the rules of the meeting. There will be no smoking. Only registered voters, and employees of the school district can speak. Use microphones when speaking, and state your name and address. All motions will require a second. He will accept only one amendment at a time. He will not accept any "killing" motions, tabling motions, or "pass-over" motions. He then invited the body to begin.

Michael Durfor made a motion to hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto. Nancy Smith seconded the motion. The moderator called for a voice vote, and the article passed.

Michael Durfor made a motion to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Million, Five Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Dollars (\$3,554,000)** for the purpose of construction of additions to the existing middle high school, and renovating certain areas of the existing middle high school: **Three Million, Five Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Dollars (\$3,554,000)** of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state, and other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Richard Kelly seconded the motion.

The Moderator explained this motion required a 2/3 vote, by secret ballot, and the ballot box would be open for at least one hour.

Michael Durfor explained the history of the Facilities Committee.

Richard Kelly talked about Doug Brown, a consultant who determined Sunapee's needs for this project. All classrooms need to be at least 800 sq. ft. by state standards, not the 600 sq. ft. they are now. The open classroom concept should be closed. A middle school science lab should be added. There needs to be more space for special ed., arts, guidance, library, and storage. Seven to nine classrooms need to be added for middle school students to be separate from high school students. Kelly then introduced Matt Gerken who gave a slide presentation of present conditions. He showed crowded conditions, problems with open classrooms. Six hundred square feet isn't big enough. He pointed out crowded desks, backpacks, and small lockers. The only storage is also the electrical room. He then showed design concept and explained the whole project with slides.

The Turner Group explained how quality of education relates to space needs, and how building environment impacts lives. These renovations will address lighting, air circulation, space needs, social interaction, etc.

Mr. Durfor explained this project would eliminate two portable classrooms, move classes from elementary school thus addressing some of their space needs too. This would give 16 classrooms, where there are now 9. He said the 5.5% interest on a 15 year bond was the best idea for the community.

Robert Springer asked if there is any value left in portable classrooms. Durfor replied between 9 and 10 thousand dollars.

Robert Price asked about enrollment over the next ten years. Durfor said Doug Brown felt it would top off at about 592 students. He also said, taxes would be about twenty cents more per thousand, if there's no state aid.

After much debate, the question was moved. Blue ballots were used. The ballot box opened at 11:10 a.m. It closed at 12:25 p.m. Three hundred ninety five (395) ballots were cast. Two hundred seventy six (276) YES, one hundred nineteen (119) NO.

David Hargbol made a motion to go to Article 4, then go back to Article 3 later in the meeting. Marylou Atkinson made the second.

David Hargbol asked if the Sunapee School District would accept the provisions of RSA 194-c providing for the withdrawal of the Sunapee School District from School Administrative Unit #43 involving the school districts of Newport, Goshen-Lempster Cooperative, and Croydon in accordance with the provisions of the proposed withdrawal plan. Marylou Atkinson seconded the motion. The Moderator stated this vote would be by secret ballot, and needed 315 to pass.

Richard Kelly spoke of last year's vote to separate from SAU #43. Newport pays 45%, Sunapee 41%. Newport has 1,200 students, Sunapee 600. Goshen-Lempster is leaving SAU 43. He feels the problems with the current SAU #43 are visibility in schools - and Newport has a five member board and Sunapee has a three member board - so Newport controls the budget of SAU.

John Rauh told of the recent change in Newport's School Board. With two new members, they voted four-to-one to ask Sunapee to stay on with SAU #43.

Michael Durfor disagrees with Mr. Kelly - Two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000) would buy a 2 1/2 day special education coordinator, a superintendent, two office help, and supplies for a new SAU. Two hundred eight thousand dollars (\$208,000) would keep us in SAU #43. He read a letter from the Newport Board speaking of their desire to work with Sunapee. He then explained the services and responsibilities of the superintendent, finance director, and other personnel of SAU #43.

Judith Shepard didn't think the SAU #43 personnel should speak to the issue as it impacts them personally. She's in favor of the split.

Dr. Gauthier said he felt some things had changed. He is responsible to make sure each district gets equitable services. In regards to finances, he will comply with the audit recommendations rapidly. A separate SAU would cost more. He's asking for a chance. He pledges to continue working with and for Sunapee in the future.

Matt Gerken spoke of his concerns of putting Sunapee first. Right now, we get 41%. On our own, we'd get 100%.

Nancy Smith spoke of the cooperation and availability of the current SAU. She's not in favor of the split.

The Moderator called for the vote. Salmon ballots will be used. Three hundred eight (308) ballots cast. One hundred thirty six (136) YES, one hundred seventy two (172) NO. The article failed.

Richard Kelly made a motion to see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)** for the purpose of expanding and renovating the existing middle high school gymnasium and locker rooms. **Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)** of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act RSA 33:1 et seg. as amended; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state, and other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Nancy Smith seconded.

Matt Gerken said this article effected only the gym. This would meet the needs of P.E., sports, drama, music, etc. It's more cost effective to do it with current construction.

Richard Byrne spoke of the great need and urged passage.

Debi McGrath said it would help the Recreation Committee meet townspeople's recreation needs.

Guy Alexander spoke about the original high school plan being done, planning on a full gym someday. Now is the time. It would go up \$150,000 plus 5% inflation next year. He's in favor of the article.

Matt Gerken said the most expensive year of the bond would add twelve cents to the tax rate.

Green ballots were used. Two hundred thirty six (236) ballots cast. Two hundred five (205) YES, thirty one (31) NO. The article passed.

Michael Durfor made a motion to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of **Ninety Nine Thousand Dollars (\$99,000)** for replacement of the Sherburne Gym floor and other structural renovations to this building. The total amount is to come from general taxation. Nancy Smith seconded.

Michael Durfor explained the back wall is cracking and in bad shape. The floor is buckling. It isn't safe. This building has served us well. It needs maintenance. This won't fix everything. It's a start.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and the article passed.

Nancy Smith made a motion to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000)** to purchase a new school bus. The total amount is to come from general taxation. Richard Kelly seconded.

Nancy Smith explained this bus is the small 1988 Chevy bus used to transport students to Newport Voc. Tech., and special education pickup. This bus will be replaced. The District has seven buses. The Moderator called for a voice vote, and the article passed.

Michael Durfor made a motion to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000)** for the first year interest payment for the bond issue voted. Richard Kelly seconded.

This is for the first year's interest payment, and closing costs of the bond just passed. This is a not-to-exceed figure. The Moderator called for a voice vote, and the article passed.

Michael Durfor made a motion to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Million, Three Hundred Forty One Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$4,341,779)** for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state sources, together with income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. Richard Kelly made the second.

Durfor said this figure is different than the figure in the warrant because the revenue from food service wasn't included in the original amount. He then explained the operating budget.

Joan Coval made a motion to reduce the budget by \$150,000, to \$4,191,779. Robert SKelly seconded. Karen Tuthill spoke in favor of the cut. Durfor spoke in favor of the cut. Judith Shepard asked where the cuts would be. Mr. Kress spoke of the directions given him by the School Board. He was told to give them what was needed. Then they were told to cut that by \$250,000. This \$150,000 would be devastating.

After much debate, the Moderator called the question. It's a secret ballot. Pink ballots were used. One hundred ninety nine (199) ballots cast. Seventy three (73) YES. One hundred twenty six (126) NO. The amendment failed.

Original motion passed at \$4,341,779. Durfor made a motion to see if the District will authorize the School Board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action of the School District Meeting, money from any source which becomes available during the fiscal year, as outlined under RSA 198:20-b provided that (1) such money is used for legal purposes for which a school district may appropriate money (2) the School Board holds a public hearing on the expenditure of such money before it is expended, and (3) the expenditure of such money does not require the expenditure of other school district funds. Dick Kelly made the second. The Moderator called for a voice vote, and the article passed.

Durfor made a motion to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Kelly seconded.

Durfor then complemented the Moderator for doing a great job. Gale then said he would give his salary back to the school district. He called for a voice vote and the article passed.

Durfor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly seconded. A voice vote adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Putonen

Attested True Copy
Toni J. Bressette
School Clerk

**SUNAPEE DISTRICT PERSONNEL
SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL**

NAME	POSITION	TRAINING INSTITUTION	DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE	YEARS IN EDUCATION	YEARS IN SUNAPEE
William Kress	Principal	University of NH	C.A.G.S.	32	4
Robert Gray	Assistant Principal	Johnson State	BS	17	4
Marilyn Austin	Special Education	Rutgers University	Ph.D	12	6
Gail G. Baade	Spanish/Art	University of New Mexico	MA	23	4
Brent Baker	MS Science	St. Lawrence University	BS	2	2
David Barry	Physical Education	Plymouth State	BS	27	26
Ronald Beaudet	Mathematics	Keene State College	BS	23	23
Richard Byrne	English	Webster College	MA	12	6
Meagan Currier	Social Studies	University of N. Carolina	BS	0	1
John Dargie	Science	Plymouth State	MS	30	25
Laura Davis	French	University of NH	MA	27 1/2	27
James Field	English	Keene State College	M. Ed.	29	29
John Gosselin	Industrial Arts	Keene State College	BS	22	22
Karen Gosselin	Business Education	Plymouth State	BS	22	22
James Grenier	Mathematics/Physics	Worcester Poly Tech.	MS	22	17
Sandra Guest	Librarian	University of Pittsburgh	MLS	20	18
Jack Iacopino	Science	University of NH	BS	1	2
Laura Kessler	Social Studies	Notre Dame College	MA	6	4
Kim D. Lagueux	Special Education	Keene State College	BS	2	1
Janice M. Porter	English	University of NH	BA	5	2
Alan Peterson	Music	University of NH	BS	23	22
Patricia Pflanz	Social Studies	Keene State College	M. Ed.	12	12
Donald Roberts	Guidance	Western State College	MA	23	15
Robert Scharff	Math	Rensselaer Polytechnic	BS	3	3
Judith Shepard	Home Economics	Keene State College	BA	30 1/2	20
Marcia C. Spencer	Social Studies	Yale University	MA	23	3

SUNAPEE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Deborah Gibbens	Principal	Notre Dame College	M. Ed.	14	2
Muriel Bergeron	Grade 3	Antioch/NE University	M. Ed.	10	8
Charlotte Carlson	Grade 3	University of S. Maine	MS	30	27
Bonnie Cruz	Physical Education	Springfield College	BS	3	2
Marianne Doherty	Multi-age	Antioch/NE University	M. Ed.	11	11
Anna Duke	Grade 5	Plymouth State	BA	36	36
Mary-Chris Duncan	Counselor	Regis College/Notre Dame	M. Ed.	11	1
Charles Goyette	Grade 5	New England College	BS	28	11
Corinne Levasseur	Grade 4	Keene State College	BS	4	4
Brenda Huff	Multi-age	University of NH	M. Ed.	25	15
Michael Kennedy	Grade 6	Keene State College	BS	20	19
Patricia Joy Kiely	Special Education	Regis College	BA	5	1
Pamela Larpenter	Grade 2	University of NH	BS	12	11
Wenda Nolin	Grade 2	Bloomsburg State College	BS	33 1/2	31 1/2
Kimberly L. Perkins	Art	Plymouth State College	BA	2	2
Ellen Pysz	Grade 6	Antioch/NE University	MA	29	28

SUNAPEE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (cont.)

NAME	POSITION	TRAINING INSTITUTION	DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE	YEARS IN EDUCATION	YEARS IN SUNAPEE
Grace Rechisky	Multi-age	Antioch/NE University	MA	15	11
Cheryl Roberts	Grade 4	Antioch/NE University	MA	16	15
Deborah L. Shapiro	Grade 2	Colby Sawyer College	BS	2	2
Pamela E. Stiller	Special Education	Bridgewater State College	BS	4	2
Joanne Skarin	Grade 5	Keene State College	MA	11	9
Joanne Tuxbury	Grade 4	Keene State College	MA	28	22
Pam Maurer-Waltzer	Band				

NURSES

Marilyn Sherman	Middle High School
Marilyn McLaughlin	Elementary School

SECRETARIES

Joan Chandler	Elementary School
Kathryn Ward	Elementary School
Darlene Morse	Middle High School
Janet Scharff	Middle High School

BUS DRIVERS

James Kizis
Martha Hill
Kelly Shultz
William Roth
Sue Webb

TITLE I PERSONNEL

Sandra Byrne	Agnes Slavin	Kathleen Skinner
Elizabeth Halverson	Jane Sweatt	

CUSTODIANS

Robert Abraham	Part-time /High School
Gordon Bartlett	High School
Norbert Leavitt	Elementary
Douglas MacWilliam	Elementary
Wade Marbach	High School
William Roth	Supervisor, Building & Transportation

RELATED SERVICES

John Berge	Case Coordinator
Valerie Blachly	Inclusion
Daniel Hudkins	Technology Coordinator
Barbara Lague	Speech Language Pathologist
Jessica Leavitt	Success Program
Caite Linehan	Psychotherapist
Kandra Palmer	Certified Occup Therapy Asst.
Joseph Rapalje	School Psychologist

FOOD SERVICE

Valerie Sanborn	Director
Alona Drew	HS/Elementary
Barbara Lamer	Elementary
Pamela J. Quimby	Elementary
Beckie Jo Sanborn	High School

SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

Shannon Boisvert	Laura Pauling
Barbara Gering	Judith Ryan
Kathy Gray	Jennifer Slavin
Sue Hamel	Tina Snelling
Linda Houston	Sophie Sparrow
Harriet Laurie	Pamela Stocker
Linda McLaughlin	Donnalee Thomas
Wendy Munn	Donna Van Den Berg
Jennnifer Merrill	Sue Webb

AIDES

Patricia Adams	Library
Linda Frederick	Cafeteria
Joyce Internicola	Library
Barb Johnson	Resource Room
Robin Longtin	Resource Room
Melanie Janas	Multi-age Assistant
Elizabeth Trainor	Cafeteria/Multi-age
Autumn Tibbetts	Multi-age Assistant

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TELEPHONE – HOURS

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OF TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICERS
AND
BALLOT VOTING ON THE WARRANT ARTICLES**
Tuesday, March 10, 1998
Sherburne Gymnasium on Route 11
Polls will be open from 9:00am to 7:00pm

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING
Saturday, March 21, 1998
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Meeting will convene at 9:00am

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VOTERS: Sample Town Warrant Ballot